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The Town accepted the Objections and Remarks reported by the Committee and passed the folloing ~~[illegible]~~ Votes thereon

Voted to accept of the third Article in the Declaration of Rights when it is explained with proper Amendments

Voted that the Plantations who pay Publick Taxes and such Towns as may hereafter be incorporated haveing less than one hundred and fifty Rateable Poles ought to be allowed the Priveledge of of coupleing themselves together till their Numbers amount to one hundred and fifty Rateable Poles and then have the Liberty of sending a Representative

Voted that two thirds of the House of Representatives and no less ought to constitute a Quorum for doing Business

Voted that the Constitution ought to be revised upon the expiration of five Years from the time of its takeing place

Then the Meeting was dissolved

At a legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting House at the first Parish in Boxford on Wednesday the 14 Day of June 1780 — — —

1 Voted that Mr. Nathan Andrews be Moderator for said Meeting

2ly Voted that there be a Committee chosen to hire Soldiers for the present Year — — — —

3ly Voted that, Capt. William Perley, Capt. Isaac Adams, Lieut. Benjm. Perley, Pelatiah Lakeman, and Francis Perley, serve as a Committee for the above purpose

4ly Voted that the Treasurer shall be impowered to procure Money to hire Soldiers and pay them them their Mileage

5ly It was put to Vote to see if the Town would hold the Militia Officers Indemnefied the present Year which pass'd in the Negative

6ly Voted that the Town will hold the Militia Officers Indemnefied for the present draught of Soldiers now call'd for

Test Pelatiah Lakeman Clerk

At a legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the second Parish in Boxford on Monday the 26 Day of June 1780

1 Chose Capt. John Robinson Moderator of said Meeting

2ly Voted that the Treasurer be directed to give securety in Silver Money to such Soldiers as are or may hereafter be hired by the Committee appointed by the Town to procure them, or any other securety said Committee may agree to give

Then the Meeting was desolved — —

At a legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford on Wednesday the 12th Day of July 1780. —

Voted that Mr. Nathan Andrews be Moderator of said Meeting

Voted to raise a suitable Sum of Money to pay in part the Soldiers that are or may be raised by the Town agreable to the late Resolves of the General Court.

Voted to raise £ 21495: 16: 8 for the above Purpose

Voted to allow Constable William Porter £4: 16: which he lost by takeing Countifit Money in collecting Taxes

Voted that Capt. Isaac Adams be appointed to assist the Treasurer in hireing Money to pay the Soldiers —

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford Sept. 4. 1780. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified to Vote for Govenour Lieut. Govenour Councellors Senators being legally assembled when

The Honble John Hancock Esqr. had for Govenour 32 Votes
The Honble James Bowdoin Esqr. for Lieut. Govenour 22 Votes

Councellor and Senators.
George Williams Esqr. 16 Votes
Saml. Johnson Esqr. 15 Votes
Saml. Holton Esqr. 20 Votes
Aaron Wood Esqr. 14 Votes
Azor Orne Esqr. 14 Votes
Stephen Choate Esqr. 8 Votes
Elbridge Gerry Esqr. 8 Votes
Richd. Derby Esqr. 5 Votes
Jonathan Webster Esqr. 14 Votes
Samuel Osgood Esqr. 8 Votes
Moses Little Esqr. 8 Votes

Majr. Asa Perley chosen Moderator.
Then the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 18th of Sept. Instant at two O. Clock afternoon

Monday

Monday Sept.r 18th 1780 the Town met according to adjournment
Voted that Mr. Nathan Andrews serve as Moderator of said Meeting
Voted to raise twenty thousand Pound to defray Town Charges
the present Year
Voted to abate Joseph Sessions head Rate in Constable
William Porters List
Voted to allow Lt. Benjamin Perley's Bill of Charge of £65:16
for Time and Expences hireing Soldiers in the Months of June
and July 1780
Voted to allow Capt. William Perleys Bill of Charge of £65:16
for Time and Expences in procureing Men for the Army
Voted to allow Capt. Isaac Adams Bill of Charge of £19:4
for Expences Raiseing Soldiers
Then the Meeting was desolved

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in
Boxford on Thursday ye 12th of October 1780
Majr. Asa Perley chosen Representative —
Majr. Asa Perley chosen Moderator of said Meeting
Voted that Capt. William Perley Mr. Nathaniel Perley and
Mr. John Curtice be a Committee to purchase the Corn
which the Town has engaged to the Soldiers now in their Service
Voted that the above Committee appointed to purchase Corn be a
Committee to procure the Beef Required of this Town by
a late Resolve of the General Court
Voted to raise sixteen Thousand Pound to purchase this Towns
proportion of Beef agreable to a late Resolve of the General Court
Voted to abate David Kimballs Head Rate, and Capt.
Thomas Kimballs Head Rate in Constable William Porters
List of Rates for the Year 1779. — —
Then the Meeting was desolved

~~At~~ a Town Meeting held at the ~~Meeting~~ Meeting House in the second Parish in Boxford December 18th 1780.

Capt. John Robinson was chosen Moderator

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 25t day of December Instant at one O Clock afternoon. And the Meeting was adjourned accordingly

Monday one O Clock agreable to the above adjournment the Town met and pass'd the following Votes.

Voted that Lemuel Wood serve as Clerk for the present Meeting

Voted to chuse a Committee to advise with a Committee that may be chosen from the Training Bands, to propose what Sum of Money shall be given or offered to the Soldiers

Voted that said Committee consist of five Men (Viz) Mr. Nathan Wood Ensn. John Chadwick Lt. Benjm. Perley Capt. Jonathan Foster and Capt. William Perley.

Voted that the above Committee make Report of their doings to the Town for their acceptance

Voted to adjourn this Meeting at this Place to the 4th day of Jan'y next at one O Clock afternoon, and the Meeting is adjourned accordingly

Monday January the 4th 1781. The Town met according to adjournment The Committee Reported as follows. Viz

We being a Committee appointed by the Town of Boxford ~~at the~~ and the Millitary Company's in said Town to propose a suitable Sum for the Soldiers for the three Years Service; after mature Concideration have agree'd to give to each Soldier who shall engage for the above Term one Hundred and Twenty Silver Dollars or an equivelent in Paper Money for each years Service one Hundred and Twenty Dollars for the first year to be paid before they march; one Hundred and Twenty Dollars more at the commencement of the second year if they continue in the Service: one Hundred and Twenty Dollars more at

the

The commencement of the third year if they continue in the Service; the whole to be paid to each Man who shall Serve for the Term of three Years to be three Hundred and and Sixty Dollars in Silver or Paper Money equivalent. Nathan Wood

with the consent of all the Rest

Voted to accept the above Report upon Condition that the Men so engageing are obliged to serve under Officers now in the Continental Service. But if it should be otherwise and their is a new appointment of Officers to be made, a smaller encouragement will be supposed adequate to the Service

Voted that the Meeting be adjourned into the next Town Meeting to be held in this Town; and the Meeting was adjourned accordingly

Thursday January 11th 1781. the Meeting came on according to adjournment

Voted that the Encouragement given by the Town upon a former adjournment of this Meeting; shall only extend to such as engage in the Continental service in behalf of this Town and are Inhabitants thereof

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to give security to such Men as may engage in the Continental Service towards this Towns Quota

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 23d day of January Instant at three O Clock afternoon

Jany 23. 1781. The meeting was opened according to adjournment

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned into the next Town Meeting to be held in this Town and the Meeting is adjourned accordingly

March 15th. 1781. The Meeting was opened according to adjournment

It was put to vote to see if the Town will reconsider the Vote passed the 1th of January last by which the Committees Report was accepted. And it passed in the Affirmative

Voted

Voted to appoint a Committee to hire Soldiers for three year or dureing the War.
Voted that said Committee consist of three Men Viz. Capt. William Perley Lieut. Benjamin Perley and Capt. Richard Peabody
Voted to hold the Assessors and Militia Officers Indemnefied if they do not preceed to class the Town

Then the Meeting dissolved

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford January 11th 1781.
Mr. Nathan Andrews was chosen Moderator
Voted to appoint a Committee to procure the proportion of Beef required of this Town for supplying the Army
Voted that said Committee consist of three Men Viz, Capt. William Perley Mr. John Curtice and Mr. Gilbert Chadwick
Voted that said Committee be directed to procure the Beef or pay Money in leiu thereof
Voted that Lt. Benjamin Perley be appointed to see upon what Terms the Soldiers that have received Silver Money Securely from the Town will settle the same and make Report thereof
Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Tuesday the 23rd of January Instant at two O Clock afternoon and the Meeting is adjourned accordingly

January 23. 1781. The Town met according to adjournment
Voted to raise £24000 to procure the Beef required of this Town
Lt. Perley Reported Verbally that the Soldiers had not proposed any terms of settlement
Voted to raise £20625. in order to settle with the Soldiers that have received Silver Money Securely from the Town
Voted that both the above Sums be laid in one Assesment

Then the Meeting dissolved

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford 13 of March 1781. for the choice of Town Officers the ensuing year

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator, and Town officers chose as follows Viz

Honble. Aaron Wood Esqr.
Capt. Isaac Adams
Lt. Benjamin Perley
Mr. Lemuel Wood
Mr. Moses Peabody ×
} Selectmen & Assessors

× Thomas Perley Jur. Clerk

Mr. John Pearl
Mr. Nathaniel Perley
} Constables.

Capt. William Perley Treasurer

Voted that the Clerk should omit reading the Warden Act

Dn. William Hale
Deacn. Francis Swan
} Wardens

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Whednesday the 21 Day of March Instant at one O Clock afternoon, and the Meeting is adjourned accordingly

Whednesday 21. of March 1781. The Town met according to adjournment

Mr. William Eills
Lt. Jedediah Stickney
Mr. Abraham Tyler
Capt. John Robinson
} were chosen Tythingmen

Mr. Asa Smith
John Butman
Jonathan Wood Jur.
Richard Foster
Nathan Andrews
William Eills
Joshua Rea
Lt. Jedediah Stickney
Abraham Tyler
Bradstreet Tyler
John Hovey
Samuel Kimball
Lt. Asa Merril
} Surveyors of Highways

Elijah Dwinnel
Lt. James Andrews
John Herrick
Moses Kimball
Richard Hovey
} Hogreevs

Capt. Richard Peabody
Mr. Joseph Hale
Mr. Amasa Peabody
} Fenceviewers

Mr. Nathan Wood Sealer of Weigths and Measures –

Mr. David Stickney Sealer of Leather

Mr. John Curtice Deerreve

Mr. Jacob Cummings
Capt. Jonathan Foster
Dear. Stephen Symonds
Mr. Ivory Hovey
Ensn. Daniel Nurse
} Committee of Safety & Correspondence

Those officers with this mark × have been Sworn

Voted

Voted to mend the publick Roads and Highways by a Rate the ensuing year. Voted to raise three thousand Pound for that purpose
Voted to allow £4:10 a Day to a Man in working out his Rate to the Highways £3:0: a Day for a pair of Oxen, £2:5 a Day for a Cart, and £2:5 for a Plough
Voted that the Swine may go at Large being well yoked & ringed
Voted to allow to the Constables three pence upon the Pound for collecting the Taxes the ensuing year
Voted to appoint a Committee to hire Soldiers the ensuing year
Voted that said Committee consist of three Men Viz. Capt. Isaac Adams Capt. Richard Peabody and Capt. William Perley
It was put to vote to see if the Town will chuse a Committee to draught a Petition to lay before the General Court, praying the said Court to Repeal the Act which has taken the Tender of the new Emmission of Money. and it passed in the affirmative
Voted that Mr. Jacob Cummings, Deacn. Stephen Symonds and Mr. William Ellis be a Committee for the above purpose
It was put to vote to see if the Town will chuse a Committee to open the Road from Samuel Kimballs to the Road formerly laid out by the Town, and it passed in the negative.
It was put to vote to see if the Town will chuse a Committee to open the Road from the School House near Capt. Jonathan Fosters, to Capt. Isaac Adams's Barn, and to agree with the Proprietors on said Road for their Land and fencing, and it pass'd in the negative
Voted to chuse a Committee to veiw the Road from the School House near Capt. Jonathan Fosters. to Capt. Isaac Adams's Barn. to make enquiry into any Circumstances necessary for the Town to be informed of, and make Report thereof upon an adjournment of this Meeting. ~ Voted that Capt. John Robinson, Mr. William Ellis and Capt. Richard Peabody be a Committee for the above purpose
Voted to abate the Rates of John Cushing Esqr. in Constable William Porters List of Rates
Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 2nd. Day of April next at 4 O'Clock afternoon, ~ And the Meeting is adjourned accordingly

Monday

Monday April 2nd 1781. The Town met according to adjournment
Voted to dismiss Mr. Nathaniel Perley from serveing as
Constable the ensuing year
Mr. David Kimball was chosen Constable the year ensuing
Voted to allow Capt. William Perleys Bill of Charge £ 234
for Time and Expences in buying Corn for the Soldiers, and
in hireing Money to pay towards the Beef required of this Town
Voted to accept Mr. William Ells to serve as Constable in the
room of Mr. David Kimball
Voted to allow Mr. Nathan Wood for serveing Treasurer 4 years
past, thirty four Spanish Milled Dollars, or an equivelent thereto in
other Money —— Voted that the Meeting be adjourned into the
May Meeting, and this Meeting is adjourned accordingly

Monday May 21. 1781 The Town met according to adjournment
Voted that the Honble. Aaron Wood Esqr. serve as Moderator
Voted to abate such part of Kunnells Fosters Rates as are yet
unpaid, in Constable William Porters List of Rates,
Voted to abate James Lindals Rates in Constable William Porters
List of Rates — Voted to abate Dean Tylers Rates in Constable Abraham Tylers List
Voted to dismiss Mr. William Ells from serveing as Surveyor, and
voted that Mr. John Curtice serve in his room —
Voted to dismiss Mr. Richard Foster from serveing Surveyor
Chose Mr. Richard Foster to serve Surveyor in his own room
Voted to dismiss Mr. John Butman from serveing Surveyor and
Chose Mr. Amos Perley to serve in his room
Voted to allow Elijah Averrills Bill of charge, for boarding Capt. David Jinkens
eleven Weeks and three Days at 10½ Dollars per week
Voted to allow Solomon Goulds Bill of charge for boarding Capt. David Jinkens
seven Weeks and three Days at 10½ Dollars per Week

The Committee chosen to veiw and enquire into the circumstances of the Road from
the Road ~~near~~ by the School House near Capt. Fosters to the Road near Capt. Adams
Barn beg leave to Report as follows viz, That the Proprietors of said Road will
each of them give their Land, one and a half Rod wide, and their Fenceing, till
such time as their is some other Road paid for in the Town, except such Roads, as are already
accepted; Reuben Gragg excepted who is to have pay for the Road through his Land

Boxford May 21. 1781.

N. B said Road to be fenced out in one year
from the date hereof ——

John Robinson
Richard Peabody } Committee
William Ells

Voted to accept the above Report

Then the Meeting Dissolved

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford, March 28th 1781.

Mr. Jacob Cummings was chosen Moderator

It was put to Vote to see if this Meeting shall be adjourned to Monday the 2nd Day of April next, and it passed in the negative, fourteen for it, and thirty against it --

It was put to Vote to see if the Town will approve of the several Divisions or Classes made by the Assessors of this Town, in Obedience to a Resolve of the General Court of February 26th 1781 - and it passed in the negative --

It was put to vote to see if the Town will direct the Committee to proceed to hire the Men set upon this Town by a Resolve of the General Court 2nd of December last, and it passed in the affirmative

Then the Meeting was dissolved

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford April 2nd 1781. and the Votes for Governour Lieut. Governour, Councillors, and Senators are as follows. Viz

For Governour the Honble John Hancock Esqr. had 17 Votes

For Lt. Governour the Honble Thomas Cushing Esqr. had 10 Votes

For Counsellors and Senators Samuel Holton Esqr. 3 Votes. Jonathan Greenleaf Esqr. 3 Votes. Samuel Ossgood Esqr. 3 Votes. Azor Orne Esqr. 3 Votes, Stephen Chote Esqr. 3 Votes, Jonathan Webster Esqr. 3 Votes. --

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford April 2nd 1781.

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to give the Soldiers such Security as the Committee shall agree upon.

Then the Meeting dissolved

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford May 21. 1781.

The Honble Aaron Wood Esqr was chosen Representative. also The Honble Aaron Wood Esqr chosen Moderator

Voted to appoint a Committee to examine if their has ben any mistake made in casting the Silver Money List of Rates committed to Nathaniel Perley late Constable. and make Report theiron at some future Meeting. Voted that Lt Benjamin Perley Mr Daniel Chapman and Thomas Perley Junr be a Committee for the above purpose

Voted to abate Moses Perkins Head Rate in Constable Nathaniel Perley's List of Rates

It was put to vote to see if the Town will make up the depreciation to Jacob Hazen, for what was allowed him for his Service at Cambridge, and it pass'd in the negative

Voted to abate Jonathan Tylors Head Rate in Constable William Porters List of Rates.

Then the Meeting dissolved

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the 2nd Parish in Boxford June 13. 1781.

The Selectmen presideing the Electors made choice

Chose of Majr Asa Perley for their Representative at the General Court. in the room of the Honble Aaron Wood Esqr elected to a Seat in the Senate

Chose Capt Isaac Adams Moderator to regulate the remainder of Said Meeting

Voted To appoint a Committee to draw Instructions for the Representative and lay the same before the Town for their acceptance — Chose Capt Jonathan Foster Mr Daniel Chapman Capt John Robinson,

Commttee Chose Lieut Benjamin Perley and Deacn Stephen Symonds a Committee for the above purpose

It

It was put to vote to see if the Town will give the Constables any directions respecting their receiving any more of the old Emmission of Continental Paper Money for Town Taxes. past in the Negative

Voted, That this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the 25th Day of June Instant at 4 O, Clock afternoon

Monday June 25th the Town met according to adjournment

Voted, To adjourn this Meeting ~~this Meeting~~ to Monday the 9th Day of July next at 4 O Clock afternoon

Monday July 9th the Town met according to adjournment

Voted, That this Meeting be adjourned untill Tomorrow at 5 O. Clock afternoon, then to be held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town, And the Meeting is adjourned accordingly

Tuesday July 10 the Town met at the Meeting House in the first Parish

Question A Question was put to see if the Town will give the Treasurer any directions respecting the old Emmission of Continental Money now in his Hands. past in the Negative

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting that shall be held in this Place

Monday September the 3rd 1781. the Meeting came on according to adjournment.
It was put to Vote to see if this Meeting shall be adjourned past in the Negative

The Meeting Dissolved

Boxford July 10. 1781.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day
Honble Aaron Wood Esqr was chosen Moderator

Question — A Question was put to see if the Town will appoint a Committee to procure in the best manner they can the Beef required of this Town by a late Resolve of the General Court past in the affirmative

Committee to procure Beef — Capt. William Perley Mr Gilbert Chadwick and Lt. Benjamin Perley were chosen a Committee for the above Purpose

Question — A Question was put — Whether the Town will raise a suitable sum of Money to purchase the aforesaid Beef — past in the affirmative

Voted £1000 — Voted to raise £1000 of the new Emmission to procure the Beef required of this Town, and to defray other necessary Charges.

Question — A Question was was put — Whether the Town will appoint a Committee to procure the Soldiers ordered for Rhode Island together with such others as are or may be called for the present Year
past in the affirmative

Comtee to hire Soldiers — Capt. Richard Peabody Mr Lemuel Wood and Lt. Jedediah Stickney were chosen a Committee for the above purpose

The Meeting Dissolved

Boxford September 3. 1781.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day

Hon.ble Aaron Wood Esq.r was chosen Moderator

A Question - was put to see if the Town will raise a Sum of Money to defray Town Charges the current Year

past in the Negative

A Question - was put whether the Town will choose a Committee to settle in the best way and manner with Mr. Ephraim Matthews respecting the Suite he has commenced against Mr. Nathan Wood former Treasurer. - -

past in the Affirmative

Mr. Jacob Cummings and Dr. William Hale was chosen a Committee for the above purpose

A Question - was put whether the Town will abate any part of Ensign Ebenezer Curtiers head Rate in Constable William Ellis State and Town Tax now in said Elliss Hands

past in the Negative

Voted - to pass over the fifth Article in the Warrant

Meeting Dissolved

Boxford November 27. 1781.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the second Parish in said Town, on the aforesaid Day

Capt. Isaac Adams was chosen Moderator.

A Question was put Whether the Town will appoint a Committee to reckon with the Towns Creditors, and see what their several Demands are in Specia, and make Report to the Town for their further proceeding

past in the Affirmative

Com.tee Mr. Nathan Wood Lt. Benjamin Perley and Mr. Lemuel Wood were chosen a Committee for the above Purpose

Voted - that the above Committee be Instructed to see how much Corn the Town are Indepted to the Soldiers and make Report thereof

Voted - that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the tenth Day of December next at one O.Clock afternoon

Dec.r

December 10th 1781. one o Clock P. M. The Town met upon adjournment, and past the following Votes

Voted – that Mr. Lemuel Wood serve as Clerk for the Day

Voted – that the Treasurer give Security to the several Persons that the Town oweth, agreable to the Report of the Committee chosen to estimate the Town Dept

Voted – to raise 1294 Bushels of Indian Corn which is due to the Soldiers for the present and last Year.

Voted – to raise £291:3. which is equal to 1271 Bushells of Indian Corn at 4/6 pr. Bushell allowing every Individual the choise of paying their equal proportion in Corn or Specia.

Voted – that the Indian Corn be assessed as other Taxes are.

Voted – that the Corn be paid in by the 15th of Jany next, and if not paid by that Time, then in Money.

Voted £700 – to raise £700. to defray the arisen and arriseing Charges the current Year.

A Question – was put ~~put~~ whether the Town wold abate James Holdens Head Rate in Constable Nathaniel Perleys Silver Money Rate
past in the Negative.

Voted – to allow Mr. Nathan Wood 12/ for his Time and Expences as a Committee Man to estimate the Town Dept.

Voted – to allow Lt. Benjamin Perley 9/ for his Time as a Committee Man to estimate the Town Dept.

Voted – to allow Capt. William Perley 20/ for his Time and Expences in procureing Beef for the Town.

Voted – to allow Mr. Lemuel Wood 34/6 for his Time and Expences as one of the Committee to hire Soldiers, and allso to estimate the Town Dept.

Then the Meeting was Disolved

Isaac Adams Moderator

Boxford February 18. 1782

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day –

Capt.n Isaac Adams was chosen Moderator

A Question was put whether the Town will appoint a Committee to purchase Indian Corn, for those Soldiers who have Corn due to them, and refuse to take -/6. instead of a Bushell of Corn; or to agree with them as they shall think will be most advantage to the Town. – – past in the Affirmative

Capt.n William Perley, Lt. Benjamin Perley and Mr. Moses Peabody were chosen a Committee for the above Purpose –

Meeting Disolved

Boxford March 12. 1782

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town legally assembled on said Day

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator of said Meeting

The following Persons was chosen to serve the Town ~~the~~ ~~town~~ the ensuing year in the several Offices annexed to their respective Names

Mr. Nathan Andrews
Capt. Jonathan Foster
Mr. Daniel Chapman } Selectmen & Assessors
+ Mr. Lemuel Wood
+ Mr. Francis Perley

× Thomas Perley Jr. Town Clerk

Messrs. + Nathan Low, + John Pearl } Constables

+ Capt. William Perley Town Treasurer

+ Mr. William Ells
+ Lt. Jedediah Stickney
+ Mr. Abraham Tyler } Tythingmen
Mr. Moses Porter

Ensn. John Killam
+ Mr. Elijah Averrill
+ Mr. Asa Peabody
+ Mr. Nathaniel Perley
+ Mr. Jonathan Wood
+ Mr. John Herrick
Mr. Moses Kimball } Surveyors of Highways
+ Mr. Amos Spafford
Lt. Asa Merrill
Mr. Luke Hovey Jun.r
Mr. William Porter

The Town Voted to pass over the Warden Act

+ Mr. Timothy Stiles
× Mr. Joseph Hale
Mr. Richard Hovey } Hogreeves
× Capt. Jacob Gould +

+ Mr. Jacob Cummings
+ Capt. Richard Peabody } Fenceviewers

× Mr. Nathan Wood Sealer of Weigtths & measures

+ Mr. David Kimball Sealer of Leather

× Ensr. John Killam Deerreeve

Mr. Jacob Cummings
Majr. Asa Perley
Capt. John Robinson + } Committee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety

Those Persons with this × Mark affixed to their Names have been sworn to the Faithfull discharge of their respective Offices

Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to Monday the 25 of this Instant March at 2 OClock afternoon

Monday, March 25. 1782. The Town Met according to adjournment

A Question was put whether the Town will excuse Mr. Nathan Andrews from serveing as a Selectman – past in the Affirmative

A Question was put whether the Town will excuse Capt. Jonathan Foster from serveing as a Selectman; past in the negative

A Question was put whether the Town will excuse Mr. Daniel Chapman from serveing as a Selectman – past in the Affirmative.

+ Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Selectman and Assessor, in the room of Mr. Andrews

Capt. Foster having excused himself from serveing Selectman

+ Lt. Asa Merril was chosen Selectman and Assessor, in the place of Capt. Foster

+ Dr. John Dorman was chosen Selectman and Assessor in the place of Mr. Chapman

A Question was put to see if the Town will excuse Mr. Nathan Low from serveing Constable past in the negative

A Question was put whether the Town will excuse Mr. William Porter from serveing Surveyor – past in the affirmative

Mr. John Hovey was chosen Surveyor in the place of Mr. Porter

Voted – that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the first Day of April next at one O. Clock afternoon,

Monday April 1. 1782, the Town met

Voted – to mend the Highways and Town Roads by a Rate the ensuing year

Voted to allow 3/0 pr. Day to a Man in working on the Highways

Voted to allow for a Plough 2/0 pr. Day, Voted to allow for a Cart 1/4 pr. Day, Voted to allow for a pair of Oxen 2/0 pr. Day.

£60 Voted to raise Sixty Pound to mend the Highways.

Voted that the Swine shall go at Large the ensuing Year being well Yoked and ringed

A Question was put to see if the Town will pay the Cost of the hire of the Soldiers, that was hired by the several Classes, for the Continental Army the last year past in the affirmative

Voted – to omit acting for the present on the 7 Article in the Warrant

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned into the May Meeting.

Thursday May 16. 1782 the Town met upon adjournment

Voted - to allow Mr. Nathan Low such a Sum of Money as upon examination shall appear to the Selectmen that he has ben over rated by means of a Mistake made in the Single List when the last Valuation was taken

Voted to allow Captn. William Perleys Bill of Charge for time and Expences to buy Corn for and settle with the Soldiers, one Pound seven Shillings

Chose Mr. William Ells Surveyor of highways

Meeting Disolved

At a Town Meeting held in Boxford April 1. 1782 the Selectmen presideing in said Meeting & Receiveing the Votes for a Governour there appeared to be nineteen, all for his Excelency John Hancock Esqr.

For Lt. Governour there appeared to be sixteen Votes all for his Honour Thomas Cushing Esqr.

Senators Upon counting and sorting the Votes for Senators they appeared as follows (viz) Azor Orne Esqr. 14 Votes, Aaron Wood Esqr 14 Votes, Jonathan Greenleaf Esqr. 11 Votes, Samuel Holten Esqr 13 Votes, Stephen Chote Esqr. 14 Votes, George Williams Esqr. 12 Votes Samuel Phillips Jun. Esqr. 1 Vote, Israel Hutchinson Esqr 1 Vote

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator for the remainder of said Meeting

A Question was put whether the Town will allow the Constables three Pence upon the Pound for collecting Taxes the ensuing Year

past in the Affirmative

Meeting Disolved

At a Town Meeting held in the first Parish in Boxford May 16. 1782

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator

A Question was put whether the Town will raise a sum of Money towards paying the Men raised for three years, the last Year

past in the Affirmative

Meeting Disolved

Boxford May 27. 1782.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day

Mr. Nathan Andrews chosen Moderator

A Question was put whether the Town will vote to send a Petition to the General Court, praying that the time may be lengthened in the payment of the Tax granted last October

past in the Affirmative

Dr. Stephen Symonds Messrs. Nathaniel Perley & Daniel Chapman were chosen a Committee for the above purpose

A Question was put whether the Town will hold the Constables indemnified against Executions for the Tax granted last Octbr. untill such Time as the Petition to the General Court has had a hearing

past in the Affirmative

Voted - that the Meeting be adjourned to next Thursday at four O. Clock afternoon

Thursday May 30th the Town met

Voted - to dismiss Mr. Nathaniel Perley from serveing on the Committee

Voted - to ad three to the Committee viz. Mr. Jacob Cummings Lt. James Andrews, and Thomas Perley Jur. were chosen for that purpose

Voted - to pass over the 4 Article in the Warrant -

Meeting Disolved

Boxford July 12 1782

At a Town Meeting held at the second Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator

Meeting Disolved

At a Town Meeting held in Boxford at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town October 24. 1782

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator

A Question was put, whether the Town will vote to raise a Sum of Money to defray the arisen and arising Charges the present Year

past in the Negative

Voted to pass over the third article in the Warrant

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A Question – was put to see if the Town will allow Constable William Eills twenty four new Emission Dollars that proved Countifit
past in the affirmative

A Question – was put to see if the Town will abate Nathan Stickneys Rates in Constable William Eills List of Rates
past in the negative

A Question – was put to see if the Town will abate one Poll Tax of Richard Fosters in Constable William Eills List of Rates, and allso in Constable Nathan Woods Rates – past in the Negative

Meeting Disolved

Boxford November 29 1782

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day

Majr Asa Perley was chosen Moderator for said Meeting

Voted – to raise the Sum of five Hundred Pound to defray the arisen and arising Charges the present year
£ 500

Voted – to appoint a Committee to enquire into, defend or settle if necessary an Action commenced against Lt John Curtice by Mr Richard Foster – past in the affirmative; Capt Richard Peabody and Mr William Eills were chosen for that Purpose

Voted To allow Mr Nathan Wood Sixteen Shillings for Plank for the use of the Town
Meeting Dissolved

Boxford December 12 1782

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the second Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day

Honoble Aaron Wood Esqr was chosen Moderator

Wardens – Messieurs, Moses Peabody, Nathan Wood, Moses Porter & Captn Isaac Adams were chosen Wardens.

Voted – to allow Mr Gilbert Chadwicks Bill of three Pound, for service done the Town

Meeting Disolved

Boxford January 1. 1783

At a Town Meeting held in the first Parish in said Town, on the aforesaid Day---

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator -

Upon hearing and concidering the contents of a Letter from the Selectmen of Salem, seting forth that a Bill had passed the House of Representatives to remove the July Court of Common Pleas, from Salem to Ipswich, and the Supreme Judicial Court from Ipswich to Newbry-Port. and requesting the Voice of the Town on the Subject

The Question being put whether the Town will choose that the aforesaid Courts be held at the Places they have formerly ben.
passed in the Affirmative

Voted to appoint a Committee to consult and settle with Mr. John Willet on account of a supposed Mistake in the date of his Note & Mr. Nathan Wood, Captn. William Perley, and Mr. Nathaniel Perley were chosen a Committee for the above Purpose

Voted to abate Abram Smiths Rates that are not paid in Constable Nathaniel Perleys List of Rates

A Question was put whether the Town will make any further allowance to Constable Nathaniel Perley for collecting the hard Money Tax
past in the Negative

A Question was put whether the Town will appoint a Committee to rectify Mistakes if any there be between Mr. Nathaniel Perley and the Town, with respect to the Depreciation of Money and allso to settle all other affairs between the said Nathaniel Perley and the Town, excepting Bills of Charge
past in the affirmative

Mr. Nathan Andrews, Decn. John Dorman, & Thomas Perley Jur. were chosen a Committee for the above purpose

Meeting Disolved.

Boxford February 4. 1783

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the afforesaid Day—

Majr. Asa Perley chosen Moderator

The Committee which had ben appointed to consult with Mr. John Willet Reported verbally that they had not ben able to settle with him upon Terms which appeared Just and Eligible to them

Voted that a Committee be appointed to use their endeavours to procure all such information as may tend to give Satisfaction with respect to the Probability of a Mistake of two years in the date of a Note given to Mr. John Willet by the late Treasurer that they be impowered to settle that matter with Mr. Willet in such manner as shall appear to them Just & equitable, and in Case said Willet should commence an ~~Action~~ Legal Process thereon then to appear in defence of the Town if they shall think proper Mr. Nathan Andrews Mr. Asa Peabody and Captn. Richard Peabody were chosen a Committee for the above purpose

Meeting Dissolved

Boxford March the 11. 1783.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford, on the aforesaid Day.

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator

Chose Dr. John Dorman Clerk for said Meeting

Voted – to chuse a Committee to settle with those that have commenced Actions against the Town, or to appear the whole or either of them at Court in behalf of said Town, and allso to settle with those that have Demands upon the Town of a Similar nature, chose Captn. Richard Peabody, Captn. William Perley, & Mr. Asa Peabody, a Committee for the above Purpose

Attest John Dorman Clerk for said Meeting

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford March 11. 1783. for the choice of Town Officers the ensuing year.

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator for said Meeting
Chose Dr. John Dorman Clerk for the Day.

Mr. Nathan Wood
Capt. John Robinson
Decn. Stephen Symonds
Capt. Jonathan Foster
Mr. Francis Perley.
} were chose Selectmen and Assessors

Thomas Perley Jur. was chose Town Clerk.
Mr. Jacob Hazen was chose Constable for the South Destrict
Ensn. Daniel Nurse was chose Constable for the North Destrict
Capt. William Perley was chose Town Treasurer
Voted to adjourn the present Meeting a quarter of an Hour
Four O Clock the Meeting opened again
Voted to adjourn the present Meeting to Tuesday the 18. Day of March Instant at two O Clock afternoon

Attest John Dorman Clerk

Tuesday March 18. 1783. the Town Met
Voted to suspend the choice of Wardens for the present
Chose the following Persons Town Officers the ensuing year (Viz)

Mr. William Lith
Lt. Jedediah Stickney
Mr. Abraham Tyler
Lt. Asa Merrill
} Tythingmen

Mr. Bimsley Peabody
Mr. Jeremiah Foster Junr.
Mr. Nathaniel Smith
Capt. William Perley
Capt. Richard Peabody
Mr. David Stickney
Mr. Thomas Adams
Capt. Jonathan Foster
Mr. William Porter
Mr. Thomas Chadwick Jur.
} Surveyors of Highways

Mr. Stephen Gould
Mr. Timothy Stiles
Mr. Nathan Wood
Mr. David Stickney
Mr. Ephraim Peabody
Mr. Amos Kimball Junr.
Lt. Ebenezer Peabody
} Hogreeves

Mr. William Lith
Dr. Stephen Symonds
Mr. Samuel Kimball
Fenceviewers

Mr. Nathan Wood Sealer of Weights and Measures

Mr. Asa Peabody Sealer of Leather

Ensn. John Killam Deerreeve

Mr. Nathan Andrews Surveyor of Plank & Timber

Voted -

Voted to mend the Town Roads and highways by a Rate the present year

Voted to raise Ninety Pound for the above Purpose
£90.

Voted to allow three Shillings pr. Day to a Man in working out his Rates upon the Highways, two Shillings pr. Day for a pair of Oxen, two Shillings pr. Day for a Cart, & two Shillings pr. Day for a Plough

Voted that the Swine shall go at Large being yoked and ringed as the Law requires

A Question was put whether the The Town will choose a Committee to open a way through Ruben Graggs Land, on the Road leading from Captn Isaac Adams Barn to the School House near Captn Jonathan Fosters past in the Affirmative

Captn John Robinson, Captn Richard Peabody, and Mr Amos Spofford were chose a Committee for the above Purpose

A Question was put whether the Town will accept of a Road from the Fishing Brook to the County Road near Mr. William Pillis agreable to a Return of the laying out said Road by the Selectmen past in the Affirmative

A Question was put whether the Town will repair the Bound in the first Parish in sd. Town past in the Affirmative

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to give Mr Nathan Andrews a Note to be on Interest since May 1781. for the Money due to him for his Horse that he let go into the Army in 1780.

Voted to allow Mr Simeon Stiles three Pound for Service he has done in the present War.

A Question was put whether the Town will choose a Committee to take an account from the Heads of the several Classes in said Town how much they gave as hire to the Soldiers in 1781. for engageing ~~for engageing~~ for three years, for the Classes to which said Heads respectively belongs, and for said Committee to make Report as soon as may be past in the Affirmative

Mr Nathan Andrews, Mr Asa Peabody, & Mr Abraham Tyler were chosen a Committee for the above purpose

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 15th Day of April next, at two O Clock afternoon

Tuesday April 15. 1783. the Town Met, & the Moderator being absent the Honoble Aaron Wood was appointed

Chose Mr David Kimball, Mr Jonathan Wood, and Deacon Thomas Chadwick Wardens

Voted

Voted to excuse Deacon Stephen Symonds from serving Selectman and Assessor, & chose Deacon John Dorman in in his room, Selectman and Assessor.

A Voted to accept Mr. Abraham Tyler to serve as Constable in the room of Ensn. Daniel Nurse

Voted - to excuse Capt. Jonathan Foster from serving surveyor Chose Mr. Enoch Kimball Surveyor of Highways

Voted. that this Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 29th Day of April Instant at two O Clock in the afternoon

April 29th. 1783. the Town met according to adjournment the following Report was made Viz.

Committee's Report.

The Committee appointed by the Town to open the way through Reuben Graggs Land on the Road leading from Capt. Isaac Adams's Barn to the School House near Capt. Jonathan Fosters. — Beg leave to Report that they have agreed with to allow said Gragg one Dollar pr Rod for fencing upon the north side of the Road through his Land, or one Bushell of Corn pr. Rod, to become payable whenever there shall be a good Stone Wall made for that purpose: and the said Gragg agrees to give his Land so far as the Road goes thereon, and the Fenceing on the South side; and is to open the Road in one Month from the Date hereof

Boxford April 15th. 1783.

John Robinson
Richard Peabody
Amos Spofford

A Question was put whether the Town will accept the above Report
past in the Affirmative

A Question was put whether the Town will raise the sum of one Thousand ninetynine Pound, ten Shillings, towards paying the several Classes in the Town, the hire or Bounty they gave the three years Soldiers, raised in 1781. and to pay the Soldiers to whom the Town Treasurer gave Security past in the Affirmative

It was put to vote to see if the Town will abate Elisha Towns Rates in Constable William Ellis List of Rates
past in the Negative

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It was put to vote to see if the Town will abate John Smith Jun^r^s Rates in the several Constables Lists that remain unpaid
past in the negative

Voted to abate Absalom Towns Rates in the several Constable Lists of Rates, that remain unpaid.

Comm^tee of Safety — Chose Mr Asa Peabody, Capt John Robinson, and Mr Nathan Low Committee of Safety.

Voted to Allow Lt Benjamin Perleys Bill of 12/0 . Meeting Dissolved

Road layed out — The following is the Report of a Way laid out by us the Subscribers for a Town Road (Viz) Begining at the northerly end of the Bridge over the Fishing Brook, near William Ellses (the Line between Topsfield and Boxford said Road begining at the middle of said Fishing Brook, then runing about a Southwest Corse on on Land belonging to Mr Simeon Gould, about 22 Rods, and one Rod and a half wide, as the Road now goes to Land of Capt Jacob Goulds then on said Capt Gould Land, about a Southwest corse, about 16 Rods, and one Rod and a half wide, takeing in a Corner of Maj^r Joseph Goulds Land, about three Rods in length; then on Mr William Ells, Land as the Road now goes 32 Rods and ½ to the County Road near said Ells said Road to be three quarters of a Rod on each side; from the Senter of the old Road

Boxford December 30th 1782.

Asa Perley
John Dorman
Francis Perley
Selectmen of Boxford

Boxford April 7. 1788.

at a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the second Parish in said Town, on the aforesaid Day

The Selectmen presideing

Governor &c. Receiveing the Votes for Governor, there appeared twenty four for his Excelency John Hancock Esq.r

Receiveing the Votes for Lieutenant Governor, there appeared seventeen Votes for his Honor Thomas Cushing Esq.r

Receiveing counting & sorting the Votes for Councellors and Senators they appeared as Follows Viz for.

Aaron Wood Esq.r — 22. Votes	George Cabbot Esq.r — 15 Votes
Azor Orne Esq.r — 21	Samuel Phillips Jun.r Esq.r 1
Stephen Choate Esq.r 22	Samuel Johnson Esq.r — 6
George Williams Esq.r 21	Israel Hutchinson Esq.r — 1
Elbridge Gearey Esq.r 6	Benjamin Goodhue Esq.r — 1
Jonathan Greenleaf Esq.r 15	Frances Cabbot Esq.r — 1

Maj.r Asa Perley was chosen Moderator for the remainder of s.d Meeting

Voted that Constable William Eills be directed to wait six Months on Samuel Cree, for his State Tax.

It was put to a Vote to see if the Town will abate Nathan Stickness Head Rate in Constable William Eills Lift of Rates

past in the Negative

A Question was put, whether the Town will abate such a Part of the Rates of Stephen Symonds and others as they shall make appear that they are over Rated on account of their being in Dept past in the Negative

A Question was put, whether the Town will vote to raise such a Sum of Money as the Town is now Indepted for by Notes given by the Treasurer past in the Negative

Meeting Dissolved

1783 June 17
Voted to Raise £500 – 10s in Add[ition]
to the Sum Raised in Aprill las[t]

The whole — £
1099 – 1[0]
500 – 1[0]
1600

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Boxford May 14th 1783.

At a Town Meeting held in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day.

The Selectmen presideing

Capt. Isaac Adams was chosen Representative

Capt. Isaac Adams chosen Moderator for the remainder of said Meeting

A Question was put whether all the Town Meetings shall be held in the first Parish in said Town for the Future

past in the Affirmative

Voted to allow Mr. Richard Perl a Sum of Money equal to 100 Paper Dollars the 3rd of July 1779 on account of a Note he has lost

A Question was put whether the Town will acquiese with the Town of Boston in their Resolves Respecting the Refugees

past in the affirmative

Meeting Disolved

Boxford June 17. 1783.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day

Mr. Nathan Wood was chosen Moderator

Voted - to raise the Sum of five Hundred pounds ten Shillings in addition to the Sum raised the 29th Day of April last towards paying the Hire or bounty given by the Town by Classes and Individuals towards procureing and raiseing this Towns Quota of the three Years Men for filling up the Continental Army in 1781.

Voted to appoint a Committee to take such Measures as they Judge most Effectual, to collect and prepare an account of the respective Sums due to Individuals on account of Money advanced or Obligations they are bound to discharge, given as hire or Bounty towards procureing and raiseing this ~~three~~ Towns Quota of the three years Men raised in 1781. Chose Ensn. John Chadwick, Mr. Francis Perley, Mr. Abraham Tyler Thomas Perley Junr. and Mr. William Sills a Committee for the above purpose

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Chose

Committee Chose Capt.n Isaac Adams, Capt.n Jonathan Foster and Mr. Nathan Wood, a Committee to prefer a Petition to the General Court, praying for a remittance of the Fine set on the Town, for not sending a Representative to the General Court the last year

Voted - To abate Samuel Crees Rates in Constable Nathaniel Perleys List of Rates.

Voted - to allow Mr. Nathan Andrews Bill of £2:5:2 for time and Money expended in the case of John Willet

Voted - to allow Mr. William Ellis eighteen Shillings pr. Tun, for two Tun and one half and two feet of Timber for the fishing Brook Bridge

Voted — to allow Capt.n Richard Peabodys Bill of £1:15 for time and Money expended in the case of John Willet

Voted - to allow Mr. Asa Peabodys Bill of ½ for Time spent in the Case of John Willet.

Voted - to allow Mr. Nathaniel Perleys Bill of £2:0: for Service done the Town.

Meeting dissolved

Boxford July 3d 1783.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meetin House in the second Parish in said Town on the afforesaid Day

Dea.n John Dorman was chose Moderator

Voted - to hire £300, to be applyed towards sattisfying Mr. Nathaniel Perleys demands on the Town:, & Mr. Nathan Wood, Capt.n William Perley, & Capt.n Richard Peabody were

Com.tee chosen a Committee for the above Purpose

Voted that the Committee be directed to Hire the aforesaid Sum upon the best Terms they can, and that the Town will allow such Interest as they shall agree to give

Meeting Disolved

Boxford September: 19: 1783.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day

Capt. John Robinson was chose Moderator

Chose Mr. Francis Perley, & Dn. John Dorman, either of them to appear at the next Court in behalf of the Town, on account of a presentment against said Town for being without a School from the first of August 1782. to the first of ~~[illegible]~~ February 1783.

Voted — to raise the Sum of one thousand two hundred Pound to defray the arisen and ariseing Charges of the Town the present Year

£1200

Comtee

Chose Mr. Francis Perley and Dn. John Dorman either of them to appear in the Town's behalf at the next Court to held at Newbury Port, and use their endeavours that the Action comenced against the Town by John Willet, and Samuel Spofford be continued to the next Term

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to issue his Executions after giveing proper Notice against the Constables, who are deficient in setling such Taxes as were assessed before the 1st of May 1781.

Voted — to appoint a Committee to assist the Treasurer in setling with Mr. Nathaniel Perley on account of his Execution, and that they be directed and impowered to take any Methods they think proper to accomplish that Business, — Chose Ensn. Gideon Tyler and Mr. William Pelk Committee for the above purpose —

Comtee

The Town takeing into consideration the Expediency of haveing all the Executive Courts in the County of Essex holden in the Town of Ipswich for the future after maturely concidering the Matter, are fully of Opinion the said Courts being continued where they have for a long time by Law ben established, or the removeing them all to Ipswich wold not affect this Town but verry little, but they see no just Cause for breaking up those old decreed Places for holding said Courts, which have been so long established and approved and it appears to this Town to be most advantagious to the County in general to have them held in the same manner for the Future therefore voted — that the above Reason be given against removeing the aforesaid Courts from the Places they have been held formerly.

Voted - to abate William Parkers head Rate in Constable John Pearls Lists of Rates

Voted — to abate such part of William Fosters Rates in Constable John Pearls Lists of Rates, as it shall appear to the Selectmen that he has ben over Rated

Meeting Dissolved

Boxford March 9th 1784

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day ——

Chose Majr. Asa Perley Moderator, And the following Persons were chosen Town Officers the ensuing year (viz)

Messiurs × Nathan Andrews
× William Porter
Francis Perley
×× Samuel Carlton Junr.
× Asa Peabody
} Selectmen & Assessors

× Thomas Perley Junr. Clerk

Mr. × Samuel Kimball
× Mr. Daniel Chapman
} Constables

× Captn. William Perley Treasurer

× Mr. Joseph Hale
× Mr. Ephraim Foster
} Wardens

× Lt. Jedediah Stickney
Mr. David Kimball
Mr. Abraham Tyler
Lt. Asa Merrill
} Tythingmen

× Mr. Moses Wood
Mr. Nathaniel Perley
× Lt. Jedediah Stickney
× Mr. Samuel Kimball Junr.
Mr. Solomon Gould
× Captn. Jacob Gould
Mr. Samuel Chadwick
Mr. John Tyler
Mr. Stephen Spofford
Lt. Ivory Hovey
Mr. Stephen Merrill Junr.
} Surveyors of Highways

× Mr. Joseph Symonds
Mr. David Stickney
Mr. Richard Hovey
Mr. Thomas Adams
} Hogreaves

× Capt. William Perley
Mr. Richard Foster
Mr. Broadstreet Tyler
} Fenceviewers

× Mr. Nathan Wood
Sealer of Weights & measures

Mr. David Kimball
Sealer of Leather

Ensn. John Killam Deerreave

Mr. Nathan Andrews Surveyor and measurer of Boards Plank Timber and Slitwork And Surveyor of Shingles Clapboards Staves & Hoops

Voted that Swine shall go at large the ensuing year being yoaked and ringed as the Law directs

A Question was put to see if one half the Town Meetings includeing the Annual Meetings shall for the future be held in the second Parish in said Town past in the Negative

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 23d Instant at two O. Clock afternoon

Those Persons with this × have been sworn

Tuesday March 23rd 1784. the Town met upon Adjournment

Voted- To mend the Highways and Town Roads by a Rate the ensuing Year. --

Voted to allow 3/0 pr. Day to a Man for working at the Highways 2/0 pr. Day for a pair of Oxen, 1/6 pr. Day for a Plough and 1/0 pr. Day for a Cart --

Voted that the several Surveyors of highways in the Town be required to make a Return to the Selectmen the first Day of February next, of all Persons in their Respective Destricts, that have not worked out the Sum or Sums they are set at in the Highway Rate

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to assess the Money raised to mend the Highways the ensuing Year, and deliver to the Surveyors a Copy of the Rates set on each Person in their respective Destricts, when the Surveyors have made a Return of what has not ben worked out the Selectmen are directed to deliver the Lists to the Constables to collect the same after giveing Credit on said Lists to all Persons that have worked out their respective proportions

Voted To raise the Sum of one Hundred Pound to mend the

£ 100 Highways and Town Roads the ensuing Year

A Question was put to see if the Town will abate the Rates of John Chadwick Junr., and Coll. David Hobart in Constable William Porters Lists of Rates past in the negative.

Voted to abate Jesse Hardy's Rates Stephen Perleys Rates, and Moses Serjants Rates in Constable William Porters Lists of Rates, -- Voted to reconcider the abatement of Stephen Perley's Rates

Voted to abate Samuel Crees Rates, Amos Hoods Rates Nathaniel Goulds Rates and the Rates of John Smith 3d. in Constable Nathan Lows Lists of Rates

Voted to appoint a Committee to examine the Records to see if there be an open Road laid out from the County Road near Mr. Nathan Lows by Cat Bridge, to the County

County Road by Mr. John Stilses Shop, and
if not to open said Road on the easiest and best
Terms they can, and make Report to the Town
Comttee for their acceptance; — Chose Captn. Richard Peabody
Mr. Nathan Andrews, & Thomas Perley Junr. a Committee
for the above Purpose —

Voted that Mr. Nathan Wood, Captn. Jonathan Foster and
Mr. Francis Perley be a Committee to settle with
Ensn. Gideon Tyler, as it shall appear most Just
and Equitable, on account of some Interest Money that
may appear due to him from the Town

Voted to allow Mr. Nathan Lows Bill of £1..4..0 for time
spent to settle with John Willet and for the Interest
of his own Money

Voted — to accept Mr. Abraham Tyler to serve as Constable
in the room of Mr. Samuel Kimball

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned into the next annual
May Meeting

May 13th the Town met. and received the following Report

Comttee Report The Committee chosen to examine the Records respecting
a Road leading from the County Road near Mr. Nathan
Lows to the County Road by Mr. John Stiles's Shop —
Have found upon Record that the Selectmen in
the Year 1700. agreed that the aforesaid Highway
should continue as it had ben used for that end.
And the Selectmen in 1714. did agree and order
that the aforesaid Road should be two Rods wide —

The Committee judge it reasonable where the
above said Road is not fenced out and opened, that
the Proprietors of the Land adjoining be allowed the term
of one year to effect the same, with Liberty to maintain
Gates dureing this space of Time

Richard Peabody
Nathan Andrews
Thomas Perley Junr.

Boxford May 13. 1784

Voted — to accept the above Report

Voted to allow Elisha Goulds Bill of three Pound twelve Shillings, for boarding the Schoolmaster 12 Weeks

Voted to allow Constable William Porter for 107 Dollars of the old Emission being countifit Money and taken for Rates

Chose Mr. William Pills to serve Hogreve the ensuing year

Meeting disolved

At a Town Meeting held in Boxford April 5th 1784.
The Selectmen presideing, received of the Electors their Votes for Governor Lt. Governor & Senators, as follows (viz)

Governor — His Excelency John Hancock Esqr. 6. votes
Honoble James Bowdoin Esqr. 4. votes
William Pyncheon Esqr. 1. vote

Lt. Governor — His Honor Thomas Cushing Esqr. 8. votes

Senators Aaron Wood Esqr. 9. votes
Samuel Holton Esqr. 11.
Tristram Dalton Esqr. 7.
Stephen Choate Esqr. 2.
Peter Coffin Esqr. 8.
Azor Orne Esqr. 2. votes
Samuel Phillips Junr. Esqr. 2.
Capt. George Williams 10.
Dr. John Maning — 11.

Chose — Majr. Asa Perley Moderator,

The Committee appointed to prepare an Account of the respective Sums due to Individuals on account of Money advanced or Obligations they are bound to discharge, given as hire or Bounty towards procureing and raiseing the Towns Quota of the three years Men raised in 1781. — Ask leave to report the following

Comtee Report

Account, containing the Individuals that have ben at the charge of raiseing eleven of the aforesaid Soldiers, which accounts are made up in the following manner (viz). the Individuals comprehended in the Classes of Ensn. Gideon Tyler, Deacon Francis Swan, Captn. Isaac Adams, Mr. Samuel Carlton, & Captn. Richard Peabody, are allowed their full and equal Proportion of the cost of the hire of the Soldiers for their respective

Comtees Report

respective Clases. and the Heads of these Clases; ~~and their Heads of these Clases~~ or such other Persons as procured the Soldiers for their Clases, are yet to receive all Arrearages from the delinquent Individuals of their respective Clases. -- In the Clases of Capt. William Perley, Mr. Nathaniel Perley Majr. Asa Perley, Capt. Jacob Gould Lt. Jedediah Stickney, & Mr. Timothy Stiles, all Persons are allowed the Sums they have advanced; and such Sums as appear due from the Delinquents are transfered to the Heads of the Clases or to other Persons to whom it is due, on account of their haveing procured the Soldiers for their respective Clases, and if these Accounts are allowed to them they will have no further Demands on the aforesaid Delinquents. —— The Committee not haveing ben favoured with the Accounts of the three remaining Clases, are at present unable to report what may be due to them. —— In the following Accounts there is Instances of some Persons who since the payment of the Sums herein contained their Real Estates have passed into the Possession of others, who without receiveing the Benefit of such former Payments, will be liable to pay the Tax laid on them for such Estates as their proportion towards raiseing the Sums granted by the Town to discharge these Accounts. -- And there is others that have removed from the Town and are not subject to pay any part of the Tax that has ben assessed towards raiseing the aforesaid Sums, the Committee do not apprehend Themselves authorised to transfer the Accounts of those first mentioned Persons to the present possessors, or to seelde the Accounts of those last mentioned ones, the Town will doubtless

consider

consider the propriety of these alterations & exceptions and determine the matter as shall appear most just, all which is humbly submitted by

April 5 1784

John Chadwick
William Eills
Abraham Tyler
Thomas Perley Junr.

An account of the Sums that appear due to the Persons hereafter named, as an allowance for the Money they have paid or become obliged to pay towards raising the Soldiers for the three Years Service in 1781. compreheing Interest from the time of their respective Payments to the tenth Day of October 1783.

	Timothy Stiles £	12 - 3 - 9
	Elijah Dwinnel	6 - 11 . 8
Heirs	of Elijah Averrill	8 : 15 : 2
	Joseph Peabody	1 .. 16 .. 10
	Simeon Stiles Administrator on the Estate of Thomas Gould	4 .. 8 .. 4
	Richard Foster	20 .. 3 .. 1
	Simeon Stiles	8 .. 11 .. 7
	Jacob Cummings	12 .. 9 : 0
Widw.	Sarah Killam	4 .. 11 .. 10
	Joseph Symonds	13 .. 17 .. 3
Deacn.	John Dorman	19 .. 12 .. 10
	John Town	6 .. 7 .. 10
	John Peabody	1 .. 15 .. 11
	Thomas Perkins	1 .. 15 .. 5
	Allen Perley	2 .. 1 .. 10
	Sum total £	125 .. 2 .. 4

Captn. Jacob Gould £	23 .. 16 .. 3
Heirs of Lt. John Curtice	22 .. 9 .. 2
James Curtice	7 .. 12 .. 9
William Eills	1 .. 8 .. 1
Widw. Sarah Killam	17 .. 18 .. 2
Ensn. John Killam	22 .. 13 .. 1
Widw. Huldah Gould	8 .. 8 .. 4
Stephen Gould	12 .. 12 .. 10
Stephen Gould Junr.	2 .. 0 .. 1
Jacob Gould Junr.	1 .. 18 .. 2
Daniel Gould	8 .. 3 .. 1
Nathaniel Smith Junr.	1 .. 0 .. 2
Andrew Peabody	0 .. 6 .. 1
Eliezer Lake	.. 8 .. 11
Nathaniel Fisk	.. 2 .. 11
Widw. Sarah Fisk	.. 2 .. 11
David Balch	.. 6 .. 3
Cornelius Balch	.. 5 .. 3
Widw. — Williams	3 .. 11 .. 5
Sum total £	135 .. 4 .. 1

Lt.	Jedediah Stickney £	20 .. 17 .. 9
	John Kimball	7 .. 18 .. 7
	Asa Kimball	7 .. 18 .. 7
Lt.	Jeremiah Foster	12 .. 16 : 3
	Jeremiah Foster Junr.	6 .. 2 .. 9
	Samuel Kimball	23 .. 10 .. 10
	David Kimball	16 .. 19 .. 5
	Moses Peabody	18 .. 12 .. 6
	Joshua Reas Heirs	9 .. 11 .. 8
	William Rea	2 .. 3 .. 0
Widw.	Anna Gould	5 .. 12 .. 8
	Sum total £	132 .. 4 .. 0

Capt.	William Perley £	34 .. 15 .. 8
	Francis Perley	22 .. 1 .. 5
	Moses Perley	20 .. 10 .. 6
	Stephen Perley	2 .. 9 .. 9
	Nathan Perley	2 .. 9 .. 9
	Isaac Perley	5 .. 18 .. 7
	John Butman	9 .. 2 .. 2
	Amos Perley	19 5
	Sum total £	116 : 8 .. 3

Majr.	Asa Perley £	18 .. 5 .. 9
Mr.	Thomas Perley	28 .. 0 .. 1
	Joseph Hale	21 .. 16 .. 10
Ensn.	Daniel Nurse	16 .. 16 .. 1
	Daniel Chapman	12 .. 9 .. 11
	Jacob Hazen	16 .. 16 : 1
	Thomas Perley Junr.	2 .. 10 .. 3
	Aaron Perley	2 .. 6 .. 5
	Sum total £	119 .. 1 .. 5

Capt.	Richard Peabody £	39 .. 11 .. 10
	John Herrick	13 .. 6 .. 5
	Edmond Herrick	2 .. 6 : 5
	John Herrick Junr.	2 .. 1 .. 0
	Benjamin Goodridge	14 .. 6 : 11
	Asael Goodridge	2 .. 1 .. 1
	Joseph Matthews	9 .. 19 .. 4
Dr.	William Hale	6 .. 19 .. 7
Widw.	Mary Peabody	.. 3 .. 3
	Gideon Bixby	14 .. 4 .. 6
	Nathaniel Peabody	6 .. 5 .. 6
	Zerobable Peabody	1 .. 19 .. 3
	Andrew Fuller	1 .. 16 .. 10
	Stephen Elliot	1 .. 15 .. 5
	Robert Bradford	1 : 12 .. 3
	Paul Averrill	2 .. 8 .. 9
	Samuel Symonds	1 .. 18 .. 0
Majr.	Joseph Gould	4 .. 4 .. 10
	David Balch Junr.	.. 9 .. 8
	Edward Trask	.. 1 .. 10
	Heirs of John Gould	3 .. 7 .. 9
Wd.	Zaccheus Gould	5 .. 2 .. 8
	Sum total £	135 .. 17 .. 3

	Nathaniel Perley £	25 .. 7 .. 11
	John Smith	5 .. 19 .. 9
	Asa Smith	5 .. 19 .. 9
	Heirs of Joseph Brown	7 .. 12 .. 9
	Samuel Brown	7 .. 12 .. 9
	Nathaniel Smith	9 .. 1 .. 9
	Solomon Gould	7 .. 7 .. 10
	Elisha Gould	2 .. 14 .. 11
	Nathan Low	6 .. 2 .. 4
	Samuel Cree	7 .. 2 .. 0
	Isaac Perkins	.. 13 .. 4
	Asa Gould	4 .. 12 : 7

John

John Perkins £	1 .. 6 .. 10
Heirs of Dr. George Bixby	1 .. 17 .. 4
Decn. Solomon Dodge	.. 17 .. 8
Henry Broadstreet	1 .. 8 .. 1
John Perkins	.. 16 .. 2
Daniel Boardman	.. 8 .. 0
Elisha Wilds	.. 8 .. 0
Stephen Putnam	.. 16 .. 4
Joseph Perkins	.. 8 .. 0
John Balch	.. 7 .. 0
Sum total £	99 .. 1 .. 1

Samuel Carlton £	25 .. 17 .. 6
Samuel Carlton Junr.	1 .. 18 .. 6
Josiah Sessions	17 .. 1 .. 6
Samuel Kimball	21 .. 6 .. 3
Pelatiah Lakeman	9 .. 7 .. 6
Luke Hovey Junr.	7 .. 5 .. 9
Decn. Joseph Hovey	15 .. 10 .. 2
Lt. Ivory Hovey	7 .. 8 .. 6
Heirs of Francis Pickard	7 .. 15 .. 2
Phinehas Carlton	1 .. 10 .. 6
Widw. Abigill Carlton	1 .. 10 .. 6
Broadstreet Parker	1 .. 1 .. 2
Simeon Currier	1 .. 5 .. 10
Sum total £	118 .. 18 .. 10

Capt. Isaac Adams £	9 .. 0 .. 11
Thomas Adams	.. 17 .. 8
Jacob Adams	.. 19 .. 7
Amos Spofford	6 .. 12 .. 7
Benjamin Spofford	.. 17 .. 8
Amos Spofford Junr.	.. 16 .. 1
Joseph Carlton	7 .. 15 .. 8
Capt. Jonathan Foster	8 .. 17 .. 8
Oliver Foster	4 .. 16 .. 6
William Porter	6 .. 13 .. 8
Broadstreet Tyler	6 .. 1 .. 6
Heirs of Dr. Stephen Mighill	11 .. 10
Heirs of Dr. Richard Thurston	6 .. 6
Dr. Amos Spofford	3 .. 3
Moses Boynton	6 .. 3
Daniel Thurston	6 .. 6
Asa Barker	4 .. 11
Sum total £	55 .. 8 .. 9

Dr. Francis Swan £	19 .. 0 .. 7
Amos Kimball	15 .. 19 .. 5
Enoch Kimball	4 .. 2 .. 6
Ephraim Foster	17 .. 12 .. 1
Benjamin Porter	24 .. 14 .. 7
Benjamin Porter Junr.	2 .. 17 .. 0
Tyler Porter	2 .. 17 .. 0
Moses Wood	10 .. 1 .. 10
Joseph Hovey Junr.	2 .. 11 .. 7
William Swan	1 .. 15 .. 7
Enos Carlton	1 .. 15 .. 7
Joseph Kimball	1 .. 15 .. 7
Gilbert Chadwick	2 .. 3 .. 11
Peabody Dole	2 .. 11 .. 7
Jonathan Chaplin	2 .. 0 .. 11
Lt. Aaron Nelson	1 .. 1 .. 4
Heirs of Stephen Woodman	5 .. 4
Paul Spofford	9 .. 5 .. 0
Sum total £	122 .. 11 .. 5

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Capt. Gideon Tyler £	37 .. 14 .. 7	Nathan Kimball Jun. £	8 .. 12 .. 1
John Tyler	1 .. 13 .. 10	Moses Kimball	7 .. 18 .. 7
Reuben Gregg	2 .. 11 .. 0	David Wood Jun.	4 .. 10 .. 9
Abraham Tyler	7 .. 17 .. 10	William Foster	2 .. 2 .. 9
Samuel Spofford	23 .. 2 .. 10	John Foster	.. 8 .. 10
Stephen Spofford	2 .. 3 .. 10	Stephen Foster	.. 15 .. 8
Parker Spofford	1 .. 18 .. 10	Thomas Spofford	.. 5 .. 9
Samuel Spofford Jun.	1 .. 13 .. 10	Heirs of David Chadwick	.. 9 .. 5
Amos Kimball Jun.	4 .. 15 .. 0	Phinehas Tyler	5 .. 9
Nathan Kimball	6 .. 14 .. 10	Sum total £	115 .. 15 .. 11

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee and to allow the aforesaid accounts, excepting such Parts as relate to those Persons whose Real Estates haveing passed to other Possessors who are obliged to pay the Tax thereon towards raiseing the Sums granted by the Town to discharge these Accounts.— In which case the Persons who pay the above said Tax shall be allowed the Sums paid on such Real Estates by the former Possessor, And allso excepting the Accounts of such Persons as may have removed out of the Town, and pay no part of the afforesaid Tax. —

Accounts allowed Excepting

Meeting Dissolved

1784 Apr 21 Voted to
200 to defray Town Che
the present year —

Boxford May 13th 1784.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day

The Selectmen presideing, the Electors chose Capt. Isaac Adams for their Representative the ensuing Year

Chose Capt. Isaac Adams Moderator

Voted - to abate the Rates of John Smith & 3d in Constable William Ellis, and Constable Jacob Hazens Lists of Rates

Execution - A Question was put whether the Town will pay the cost of an Execution now in the Sherriffs Hands, against Constable Nathan Low for Rates — past in the Affirmative

Voted, to abate the fifth part of John Perkins Rates in Constable William Ellis Lists of Rates

Voted, to abate Amos Goulds Rates in Constable Nathan Lows Lists of Rates

Voted to abate the Rates of John Simson in Constable John Pearls List of Rates

Meetings - A Question was put whether one third part of the Town Meetings for the Future shall be held in the second Parish past in the negative

Meeting Disolved

Boxford September 21. 1784.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day.

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator

Voted - to raise the Sum of two Hundred Pound to defray Town charges the present year

£200

Voted - that the Selectmen be directed to take such Measures as they judge best with respect to the Widow Hannah Mastin who is supposed to be an Inhabitant of Topsfield -

At a

It was put to see if the Town will chuse some Person to see if Nathaniel Bixby has ben warned out of the Town where he has ben an Inhabitant

past in the affirmative

Chose Mr. William Ellis for the above purpose

A Question was put to see if the Town will direct the Treasurer to call on the Constables to settle their Collections in Money or Notes agreable to a Petetion from a from a number of Inhabitants

past in the negative

Voted, to appoint a Committee to take such measures as they judge best, with respect to an Action commeced against the Town by Thomas Savory; Voted that Mr. Nathan Wood, Ensn. Gideon Tyler & Mr. Francis Perley or either of them be a Committee for the above Purpose

Voted to abate Joshua Andrews Rate in Lieut. John Curtices Class 11/5

Voted to allow Lt. John Curtices Bill for six Days spent to procure Money in lieu of Beef at 5/0 pr. Day

Meeting Disolved

Boxford January 11th. 1785.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting-House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator

A Question was put whether the Town will appoint a Committee to examine who has ben Committees in the Town for four or five years past, who have had of the Towns Money and how they have expended it, and for what purposes and report Facts in that matter as they may find them to the Town at the next annual March Meeting

past in the Affirmative

Voted

Committee chosen to examine &c

Voted that, that Capt.n Richard Peabody Mr.r Daniel Chapman, Capt.n John Robinson, Mr.r Asa Peabody, and Mr.r Lemuel Wood be a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid

Voted, that the above Committee be directed to extend their Examination five years past —

Com.tee Report

The Committee appointed to prepare an Account of Sums that appear due to Individuals on account of Money advanced towards procureing the Towns Quota of three years Men raised in 1781. — — In addition to the Accounts contained in a Report made the fifth Day of April last, now ask leave to present the Account herewith delivered, containing the Sums that appear due to the Individuals belonging to Dea.n Thomas Chadwicks Class on account of the Money they advanced to procure a Soldier for said Class, comprehending Interest from the time the Money was paid to the tenth Day of October 1783.

January 11. 1784

John Chadwick }
Francis Perley } Committee
Thomas Perley Jun.r }

Dea.n Thomas Chadwick £	41..7..7	David Hovey £	2:0..5
Thomas Chadwick Jun.r	0:10:6	Jesse Hardy	0..2..2
Samuel Chadwick	0:12..4	Asa Hardy	0..0:9
Ens.n John Chadwick	21..7..4	David Kimball	3..7:10
Isaac Chadwick	23..14..8	David Kimball Jun.r	1..12..6
John Chadwick Jun.r	0..2..0	Wid.w Abigail Middleton	0..19:2
John Hovey	9..9..2	David Wood	8..7..11
Richard Hovey	9..15..0	Richard Woodman	0..9:7
		Sum total £	123..18:11

Voted — to allow the above Accounts, with the same exceptions that were made in a Vote past the fifth Day of April last for allowing Accounts of a similar Nature.

A Question

A Question was put whether the Town will appoint a Committee to take such Measures as they judge most ~~propiper~~ with respect to Simeon Stiles haveing had the benefit of two allowances, and two Orders on the Treasurer for one and the same Service. past in the affirmative

Com^tee chosen — Voted, – that Mr. Lemuel Wood. Mr. Nathan Wood and Mr. Daniel Chapman be a Committee for the above Purpose.

Rates abated — Voted to abate the Rates of Isaac Perkins that remain unpaid: in Constable Nathan Lows List of Rates — Meeting disolved

Boxford March 8. 1785.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day

Majr. Asa Perley was appointed Moderator, and the following Persons were chosen Town Officers the ensuing year (viz)

Selectmen & Assessors

Lt. Francis Perley
Mr. Lemuel Wood
Mr. Jonathan Wood
Mr. William Porter
Mr. Asa Peabody

Thomas Perley Junr. Clerk

Lt. Jedediah Stickney } Constables
Mr. Abraham Tyler }
Capt. William Perley Treasurer
Mr. Joseph Hale } Wardens
Dr. Francis Swan }
Mr. John Herrick }
Mr. Jeremiah Foster Junr. } Tythingmen
Lt. Samuel Runels }

Surveyors of Highways

Mr. Moses Wood
Mr. Aaron Perley
Mr. Daniel Gould
Mr. Joseph Symonds
Ensgn. John Phillam
Mr. Simeon Stiles
Mr. Amos Kimball Junr.
Mr. Isaac Chadwick
Mr. Joseph Wood
Mr. Thomas Adams
Mr. Samuel Cole
Mr. Nathan Andrews Junr.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 29th. Instant, two O Clock afternoon

Tuesday March 29. the Town met according to Adjournment

Voted to excuse Mr. Asa Peabody from serveing Selectman & Assessor

Chose Thomas Perley jun. Selectman & Assessor.

Mr. David Stickney, Mr. John Stiles, Mr. Moses Kimball, Mr. Richard Hovey — Hogreves

Dr. Stephen Symonds, Mr. William Ellis, Mr. Oliver Foster — Fenceviewers

Mr. Nathan Wood Sealer of Weights & Measures

Mr. David Stickney Sealer of Leather

Mr. Nathan Andrews Surveayor and measurer of Boards Plank Timber and Slitwork, and Surveayor of all other Lumber

Voted – to mend the Highways by a Rate the ensuing year

£100. Voted – to raise one Hundred Pound to mend the Highways the ensuing Year

Voted – that the Prices stated by the Town for work done on the Highways the year past, shall be allowed the year ensuing

Voted that the Swine shall at large the present Year, being Yocked and Ringed as the Law requires. ——

A Question – was put to see if one third part of the annual Town Meetings, and one third part of the occational Meetings, shall be held in the Second Parish for the Future, past in the Negative.

Voted – that Dr. William have Liberty to keep up two good Gates on the Road from John Stiles's Shop to Joseph Matthews.

Voted – to allow Dr. William Hale three Pound for Medecines and Attendance on Nathaniel, Bixby when he lived in Middleton

A Question – was put to see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen from Dr. Stephen Symonds House to the County Road near Solomon Gould, past in the Negative

Voted that the Selectmen shall abate such Rates for the Future as they think proper without laying the same before the Town

Voted to allow Mr. William Ellis three Shillings for searching the Records respecting Nathaniel Bixby

Voted

Voted – to allow Mr. William Fitts ten Shillings in addition to the Sum allowed him the 17th of June 1783. for Timber for the Fishing Brook Bridge

Voted – to allow Captn. Jacob Gould twenty Shillings for Plank and Timber for the Fishing Brok Bridge

Voted – to allow Capt. William Perley twelve Pound, for serving Treasurer four years

Meeting Disolved

Boxford April 4th. 1785.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day. The Selectmen presiding. – And receiving the Votes

Governor for Governor there appeared for his Honour Thomas Cushing 3. Honoble James Bowdoin Esqr. 2. William Pinchon Esqr. 1. ——

Lieutenant Governor, his Honour Thomas Cushing 1. William Pinchon Esqr. 1. Mr. Abraham Hobbs 1.

Senators.

Senators

Peter Coffin Esqr.	5	Mr. Gideon Putnam	— 2
Doctr. John Maning	5	Jonathan Grenleaf Esqr.	2
George Williams Esqr.	5	Israel Hutchinson Esqr.	1
Stephen Choate Esqr.	4	Mr. Peter Osgood Junr.	1
Thomas Gage Esqr.	—3.	Mr. Abraham Hobbs	1

Meeting Disolved

Boxford May 12. 1785.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day the Selectmen presiding in said Meeting Captn. Isaac Adams was chosen to represent the Town at the General Court.

chose

chose Capt.n Isaac Adams Moderator

Voted – that the Town will give Instructions to their Representative

Voted – that Capt.n Jonathan Foster, Mr.n Daniel Chapman, Capt.n William Perley, Mr.n Francis Perley and Thomas Perley Jun.r be a Committee to prepare Instructions for the Representative and lay the same before the Town.

Com.tee

Voted that the Selectmen be directed not to abate the Rates of any Person unless they are all agreed in giveing such Orders.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Thursday the 19th Instant at five O Clock afternoon

Thursday May 19th. the Town not assembling the Meeting disolved

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Boxford September 15. 1785.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day.

Chose Lt. Francis Perley Moderator

raised £200 — Voted to raise the sum of two Hundred Pound to defray the arisen and arising Charges the present year.

A Question – was put whether the Town will pay the Cost of an Execu=tion against Jacob Hazen a former Constable, for a State Tax

past in the Negative.

A Question – was put whether the Town will give Constable Hazen any Directions with respect to collecting the remaining Taxes,

past in the Negative

A Question – was put whether the Town will abate the Rates of John Dresser, in Constable's Bills and Lowes, Lists of Rates.

past in the Negative

Meeting Disolved

Boxford October 25th 1785

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day
Chose Lt. Franis Perley Moderator

Voted – to accept the following Report of a Committee, (viz)
We the Committee appointed by the Town to examine who have ben Committees for several years past, and how they have expended the Towns Money &c. report as follows (viz) that we have examined the several Committees for purchaseing Beef, and find that all demands are justly settled, and that the Town is indebted to Capt. Jacob Gould for a Note that Lt. John Curtice gave him as a Committee man to purchase Beef. dated in Feby. 1781.

Boxford Feby. 17th 1785.

Richard Peabody
Daniel Chapman
John Robinson
Lemuel Wood
} Committee

Voted – that the Selectmen be and are hereby directed to lay out a Road ~~which~~ may have good Gates thereon, from Deacon Stephen Symonds House by Mr. Stephen Goulds House, and so on as the path now goes, or in the most convenient place to the County Road near Mr. Solomon Goulds House. — — — — —

Meeting disolved

Boxford February 15: 1786.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day
Mr. Jonathan Wood Moderator —

Voted to delay the Assesment of the Sum raised last September untill the next State Tax shall be made

Voted

Voted that Lt. Francis Perley Mr. Jonathan Wood, and Thomas Perley Junr. be a Committee jointly or Severally, to support the Complaint made last September to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace by the Selectmen against the Town of Wenham, or to settle the same with the Town of Wenham as they judge best.

Voted to abate the Rates of John Dresser in Constable Nathan Lows List of Rates.

Meeting Dissolved

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford March 14. 1786.

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator * and the following Persons were chosen Town Officers for the year ensuing (viz)

Selectmen & Assessors
Lt. Francis Perley
Mr. Samuel Carlton Jur.
Thomas Perley Junr.
Mr. Lemuel Wood
Mr. Samuel Kimball Junr.

Clerk Thomas Perley Jur.

Constables Mr. Asa Peabody
Capt. William Perley

Treasurer Capt. William Perley

Wardens Mr. Joseph Hale
Lt. Asa Merrill

Tything Men
Mr. Jacob Cummings
Mr. Daniel Chapman
Mr. Abraham Tyler
Mr. Tyler Porter

Surveayors of Highways
Mr. Elisha Gould
Mr. Solomon Gould
Mr. William Pills
Mr. Jonathan Burpee
Lt. Francis Perley
Mr. Samuel Perley
Lt. Jedediah Stickney
Mr. Jeremiah Herriman
Mr. Nathan Kimball
Lt. Ebenezer Peabody
Mr. Amos Spafford
Mr. Stephen Merrill
~~Mr. Thomas Chadwick~~

Hogreves Lt. James Andrews
Mr. Joseph Symonds
Mr. Joseph Carlton
Mr. John Tyler

Fenceveiwers Capt. Richard Peabody
Mr. Nathaniel Perley
Mr. Broadstreet Tyler

Sealer of Weights & m. Mr. Nathan Wood
Sealer of Leather Mr. David Kimball

Surveayors of Plank Timber and all sorts of Lumber
Mr. Nathan Andrews, Lt. Asa Merrill

*For County Register John Pickering Esqr. 26 Votes,

Voted to mend

Voted To mend the Highways by a Rate the ensuing year

£100 Voted To raise one Hundred Pound to mend the highway the ensuing Year. —

Voted to allow three Shillings per Day for a Man working on the Roads in paying the Highway Rate, for a pair of Oxen 1/4 per Day, for a Cart and a Plough each 1/0 per Day ~~each~~.

Voted That Swine may go at large the present year being Yoked and ringed as the Law directs

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the 28. Day of March Instant at two O. Clock in the afternoon

March 28. 1786. agreable to adjournment the Town met

Voted - that this Meeting be adjourned to the third Day of April next at one O Clock afternoon

April 3d. 1786. the Town met on adjournment

Voted to dismiss the fifth Selectman, and Assessor and chose Samuel Kimball Jur. to serve in that place

Chose Mr. Asa Peabody and Mr. Moses Porter Pound keepers

Voted that the Treasurer shall call in all the back Taxes as soon as may be.

Voted to accept of a Road layed out by the Selectmen which is as follows (viz) We the Subscribers being met the seventh Day of November 1785 have laid out a Road from Deacon Stephen Symonds House by Mr. Stephen Gould's as the Path now goes across said Goulds Land to Mr. John Kimballs Land then on said Kimballs Land as the Path now goes untill it comes to Mr. Thomas Perkins Land then on said Perkins Land untill it comes to an Hill

near

near Mr Solomon Goulds House, then on the westerly side of the Hill on Mr John Kimballs Land, allong by the easterly side of an Apple Tree, then over a Corner of the Land of Thomas Perkins aforesaid into the County Road, allowing the Proprietors of the aforesad Lands the Liberty to erect and maintain good Gates on the Road –

The above road was discontinued by vote of the town March 1875

Francis Perley
Lemuel Wood
Jonathan Wood
Thomas Perley Jr. } Selectmen of Boxford

A Question was put whether one third part of all the Town Meetings held in the Town shall for the future be held in the second Parish in said Town – past in the Negative

Voted – that the Widow Anna Hale have Liberty to keep up the Gates on the Road through her Land one year longer

Voted to accept Mr Abraham Tyler to serve Constable in the room of Captn William Perley. —

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned in to the Annul Meeting in May next – May 16. 1786. the Town met and chose Capt. Isaac Adams Moderator for the remainder of the Meeting

Voted – to pass over the Article respecting a Road by the Burying Yard in the 2nd Parish.

A Question was put whether the Town will build a Bridge over the Stream below Dr Symonds Mills, past in the negative

Voted – to abate Jonathan Foster one Town Tax in Constable Jacob Hazens List of Rates

A Question was put whether the Town will take any measures to dispose of the old Emmission Money in the hads of the Town Treasurer past in the negative

Report

Comtee Report We the Subscribers being a Committee appointed by the Town to settle a dispute between the Town and Simeon Stiles — Report, that by the agreement of us and Mr. Stiles the Matter was decided by Docter Cleveland to whome it was refered, whose Result was that Mr. Stiles pay three Pounds and half the Cost of his siting, and the Town the other half. —

Boxford March 26. 1786. Lemuel Wood } Comtee
Daniel Chapman }

Voted — To accept the above Report
Voted — To allow Constable John Pearl two Pound fifteen Shillings and nine Pence, being the Cost of two Executions from the State Treasurer

Meeting Disolved

Boxford April 3. 1786.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day The Selectmen presideing, receiveing the Votes for Governor and Lt. Governor they appeared as follows (viz) [margin: Choice of Governor]
for a Governor James Bowdoin Esqr. 8. Votes
for a Lt. Governor Thomas Cushing Esqr. 7. Votes
The Votes for Senators being called for there was not any given in — The Town then chose
Majr. Asa Perley Moderator
A Question was put whether the Town will allow Dr. Amos Spaffords account of £4: for Meddicines and attendance on Anna Stiles from Octr. 22. 1781. to Feby. 9. 1782.
past in the negative
Voted — to abate the Rates that remain unpaid of Isaac Perkins Elisha Town Nathan Stickney and James Holden in Constable William Pills Lists of Rates

Meeting Disolved

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford May 16. 1786. The Selectmen presideing, the Electors chose Capt.n Isaac Adams their Representative at the General Court.

Chose Capt.n Isaac Adams Moderator.

Voted to pass over the Article respecting a Bridge over Perry Ferry

Voted - to abate Daniel Gages Rates in Constable Abraham Tylers Lists of Rates. 1783

Voted - To abate the Rates of Samuel Cree that remain unpaid in Constable William Tills's Lists of Rates. —

Meeting Dissolved

Boxford August 18, 1786. Messiers Francis Perley Lemuel Wood, Samuel Carlton Jun.r & Samuel Kimball Jr. were sworn to the faithfull discharge of the Office of Assessors the present year.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford September 19. 1786.

Chose Mr. Francis Perley Moderator

Question A Question was put whether the Town will raise a Sum of Money to defray Town Charges, past in the negative.

Vote Voted that the Manner of summoning the Inhabitants to attend Town Meetings shall be by posting Notifications thereof as usual.

Vote Voted to abate the Rates of Timothy Dorman, in Lt. John Curliers Class for raising a Soldier in 1782.

Vote Voted to allow Nathaniel Perleys Bill of one Pound ten Shillings and one Penny, for Timber and Plank for the Bridge by Mr Lows Mill.

Meeting Dissolved

Boxford September, 21. 1786

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day

Chose Mr. Francis Perley Moderator

Com^tee chosen

Voted to appoint a Committee to make defence in the Action commenced by Lt. Ebenezer Peabody against Messieurs Nathan Wood, John Dorman, & Francis Perley, Assessors in 1784. voted that Deacon John Dorman Mr. Francis Perley, and Thomas Perley Junr. be a Committee jointly or severally for the above Purpose, and that they be directed to take any measures that may appear most Beneficial to the Town in relation to this Subject

Meeting Dissolved.

Boxford January 2. 1787.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day

Chose Maj^r. Asa Perley Moderator

Com^tee chosen

Voted that Mr. Nathan Andrews, Deacon John Chadwick, Deacon John Dorman Capt. Francis Perley, & Thomas Perley Junr. be appointed a Committee in behalf of the Town, and that they or any three of them, be and hereby are fully authorized and impowered, to take proper measures to prepare the way for a compleet settlement of the Assesment of the several Sums of Money raised by the Town in 1783. to pay the hire or Bounty given by the Town and by Individuals, towards procureing and raiseing this Towns quota of the three years Soldiers raised in 1781. And that they endeavour to effect this Business by any way or means that they consider most Just and Beneficial to the Town. —

Treasurer impowered &c.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby impowered to dispose of the old Emission of Continental Currency now in the Treasury in any way or manner that he may Judge most for the Interest of the Town

Meeting Dissolved

Boxford February 22. 1787.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day
Chose Capt.n Jonathan Foster Moderator.

Vote — Voted to appoint a Committee to petion the General Court to remove said Court out of the Town of Boston —

Comtee to Petition &c Voted that Capt.n Jonathan Foster, Mr. Nathaniel Perley, Mr. Nathan Andrews, Mr. Broadstreet Tyler, and Thomas Perley Jun.r, be a Committee to petition the General Court for the above Article, and for the following (viz) to reduce the Governors Salary in proportion to the fall of the Produce of the Country since the said Salary was voted, likewise all other Salaries in the same proportion, allso to annihilate the Courts of Common Pleas in the several Counties, and for the Towns to vote their Representatives wages. —

Voted, that this Meeting be adjourned to the sixth Day of March next at three O, Clock afternoon,

March 6. 1787. the Town Met according to adjournment

Meeting disolved

Boxford March 18. 1787.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day Capt. Francis Perley was chosen Moderator, and the following Persons were chosen Town Officers the ensuing Year. (viz)

Clerk Thomas Perley Jr.

Selectmen & Assessors
Mr. Nathan Andrews
Capt. Jonathan Foster
Mr. Samuel Kimball Junr.
Mr. Thomas Adams
Mr. Amos Perley

Constables
Mr. Broadstreet Tyler
Mr. Solomon Gould, who refused to serve and
Mr. Timothy Stiles was chosen

Treasurer
Capt. William Perley

Wardens
Mr. John Herrick
Mr. Amos Spafford

Tything-men
Capt. Francis Perley
Mr. Stephen Gould
Mr. Enoch Kimball
Mr. Ephraim Peabody

Surveayors of Highways
Ensn. Joseph Symonds
Mr. John Stiles
Mr. William Eills
Mr. Nathaniel Perley
Capt. William Perley
Mr. Jonathan Burpee
Capt. Richard Peabody
Mr. Moses Kimball
Mr. Joseph Carlton
Lt. Samuel Runnels
Mr. Thomas Chadwick
Lt. Asa Merrill

Hogreeves
Mr. John Curtice
Ensn. Daniel Nurse
Mr. Ephraim Foster
Mr. Richard Hovey

Fenceveiwers
Mr. David Kimball
Mr. Stephen Tyler
Mr. Tyler Porter

Sealer of Weights & Measures
Mr. Nathan Wood

Sealer of Leather
Mr. David Kimball

Surveayors of Boards, Plank Timber and all sorts of Lumber
Mr. Nathan Wood
Lt. Samuel Runnells

County Treasurer
Michael Farley Esqr. 12 Votes

Vote

Vote — Voted to mend the publick Highways and Roads by a Rate the ensuing Year

Vote — Voted to raise one hundred and twenty Pound to mend the Highways and Roads the ensuing Year.

£ 120

Vote to allow — Voted to allow for a Man working on the Highways 3/0 Pr. Day, for a pair of Oxen 2/0 Pr. Day, for a Cart 1/0 Pr. Day, and for a Plough 1/6. Pr. Day. —

Vote — Voted that the Swine shall go at large the ensuing year being yoaked and ringed as the Law requires. —

Vote — Voted that the Surveayors of Highways make return at the Annual Meeting in March next ensuing, to the Assessors of all those Persons who refuse to work out their Rates on the Highways, and the Sum which each Person is deficient which Sums the Assessors shall add to the deficient Persons proportion of the next Town Tax.

Vote — Voted that the Surveayors of Highways keep the main Roads open in the Winter Season.

Vote — Voted to allow the Widw. Anna Hale three Pound twelve for boarding Susanna Bartlet nine Weeks, & Medicines

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the second Day of April next, at three O'Clock afternoon

April 2. 1787. The Town met according to adjournment

Constable accepted — Voted to accept Mr. Asa Peabody to serve Constable the ensuing Year in the room of Mr. Timothy Stiles

Voted that Mr. Timothy Stiles serve Hogreeve the ensuing year

Voted to excuse Capt. Francis Perley from serveing Tything man, and chose Lt. Jedediah Stickney Tythingman the ensuing year.

Vote — Voted to allow Mr. Elisha Goulds Bill of 15/0 for 231. Feet of Plank to cover the Bridge by Mr. Timothy Stiles

Constable excused — Voted excuse Mr. Solomon Gould from a Fine for not serveing Constable the ensuing Year. —

Chose Mr. Asa Peabody and Mr. Moses Porter Pound keepers

Meeting dissolved

Boxford April 2. 1787.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day The Selectmen presideing, and receiveing the Votes for Governour, Lieut.n Governor, and Senators, which are as follows (viz)

Governour { John Hancock Esq.r 89. Votes
James Bowdoin Esq.r 12. Votes

Lieut.n Governour { Thomas Cushing Esq.r 67. Votes
Benjamin Lincoln Esq.r 34. Votes

Senators

Mr. Isaac Osgood	60 Votes	Samuel Phillips Jun.r Esq.r	18. Votes
Aaron Wood Esq.r	68	Mr. Edward Harris	2
Peter Coffin Esq.r	68	Stephen Choate Esq.r	11
John Manning Esq.r	56	Tristram Dalton Esq.r	16
Benjamin Goodhue Esq.r	61	Mr. Nathan Goodale	8
Israel Hutchinson Esq.r	58	Capt.n Richard Ward	8
Azor Orne Esq.r	9	John Choate Esq.r	8
		Jonathan Greenleaf Esq.r	9

Capt.n Jonathan Foster was chosen Moderator

Voted to chuse a Committee to Instruct the Representative that is to be chosen in May next, said Committee to make their Report to the Town at the Meeting in May for the choice of a Representative. Capt.n Jonathan Foster Ens.n Daniel Nurse, and Capt.n Richard Peabody, were chosen a Committee for the above purpose.

Meeting dissolved

Boxford March 13. 1787. Thomas Perley Jun.r took the Oath by Law prescribed to the Office of Town Clerk.

Boxford. March 13. 1787. M.r Nathan Andrews, Capt. Jonathan Foster. M.r Samuel Kimball Jun.r M.r Thomas Adams, and M.r Amos Perley, appeared, and took the Oath by Law prescribed to the Office of Assessors.

Boxford March 13. 1787. Capt.n William Perley appeared and took the Oaths as the Law prescribes to the Offices of Town Treasurer, and Surveayor of Highways,

Boxford. March 13. 1787. M.r John Stiles, M.r Moses Kimball and Ens.n Joseph Symonds, appeared, and took an Oath as the Law prescribes to the Office of Surveayors of Highways

Boxford March 13. 1787. M.r John Curtice appeared and took an Oath as the Law directs to the Office of Hogreeve..

Boxford March 13. 1787. M.r Stephen Gould appeared and took the Oath by Law prescribed to the Office of Tythingman

Boxford April 2. 1787. M.r Broadstreet Tyler appeared and took the Oath by Law prescribed to the Office of Constable

Boxford April 3. 1787. Capt.n William Perley appeared, and took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance as prescribed by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Boxford April 6. 1787. M.r Broadstreet Tyler appeared, and took and subscribed the the Oath of Allegiance as prescribed by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Boxford. April 10. 1787. M.r Asa Peabody appeared and took the Oath by Law prescribed to the Office of Constable allso took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance as prescribed by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Boxford April 14. 1787.

This may certify that M.r Thomas Perley Jun.r Town Clerk personally appeared March 31. And April 9. M.r Nathan Andrews Capt.n Jonathan Foster, Thomas Adams. and Amos Perley,

Selectmen

Selectmen & Assessors all Personally appeared took and subscribed the Oath agreably to a Resolve of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts March 10: 1787.
Before me Aaron Wood Justice of the Peace

Boxford April 16 1787. Ensn. Daniel Nurse appeared and took an Oath as the Law directs to the Office of Hogreeve

Boxford May 3. 1787. Mr. John Herrick appeared and took the Oath by Law prescribed to the Office of Warden

Boxford. May 3. 1787. Lt. Jedediah Stickney appeared and took the Oath by Law prescribed to the Office of Tythingman

Boxford May 3. 1787. Mr. Timothy Stiles appeared and took an Oath as the Law directs to the Office of Hogreeve

Boxford May 24 1787. Lt. Samuel Runnels appeared and took the Oaths, as the Law directs to the Offices of Surveayor of Highways and Surveayor of Plank, Boards, Timber and other Lumber

Boxford July 2. 1787. Messiers Nathaniel Perley and Jonathan Burpee appeared and took an Oath as the Law directs to the Office of Surveayors of Highways

Boxford May 10. 1787.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day. Selectmen presideing. The Electors chose Mr. Nathan Andrews their Representative at the General Court.

Mr. Nathan Andrews was chosen Moderator

Vote Voted that the Gates may stand the ensuing Year on the Road from the Corner of Mr. Asa Peabody's Land, to Mr. Henry Perley's. Meeting dissolved

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Boxford May 24. 1787.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day.

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator

The Committee appointed the 2 Day of April last to Instruct the Representative reported the following Draught viz

Comtees Report We your Constituents being chosen by the Town of Boxford to Instruct you our Representative, think it our duty to declare our Sentiments on the present Alarming situation of publick Affairs. The transactions of the General Court this Year may possibly determine the Fate of this State for many Generations: for now there is such a Concurrance of alarming Circumstances as our Fathers never saw, each singly protending and all joyntly conspireing the ruin of this State.

1 That you do your utmost to have the General Court removed out of Boston to some convenient Place in the Country

2 That all the Sallerys be lowered in proportion to the fall of Country Produce since the said Sallerys was set.

3 That the Tender Act may be continued a longer Term

4 That there be made forthwith a large Bank of Silver and Copper Money, agreable to what was talked on the year past, and that Business be done by a Committee of the House of Representatives

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5 That the State Treasurer and all others that have publick Money in their Hands be reckoned with Annually.

6 That you endeavour that all those that are termed Insurgents have a free Pardon, excepting those condemned on supposition they return to their several places of abode and become peaceable Subjects

7 That the disquallifying Act so called be emediately set aside

8 That all Officers and Soldiers raised in the Winter past be dismissed and put out of pay directly, as an armed force is dangerous to the Liberties of a People in time of peace

9 that the Inferiour Courts in this State be set aside for the term of one year

10 That there be forthwith a new fee Bill made that the Judge of Probate Register of Probate, Clerks of the Courts and all others in that Department be lowered in proportion to the fall of Country produce

11 That the Time be lengthened for takeing Certificates for the last Tax, if that is not allready done by the General Court at the last Session.

And any other matters that may be brought before the General Court dureing your continuance there: we expect you will act on such matters as may be best for the Communety. ———

Voted to accept the above Report.

A Question was put whether the Town will accept of the Proposals that have ben made to the Towns Committee by a number of Persons for settling a disputeable Tax assessed in February 1784.

past in the negative

The ~~Town~~ Town considering that Doubts have arisen whether the Assessors were fully authorised by the Laws of this State to assess certain Sums of Money that were raised by the Town in 1783. to pay the Cost of the hire of the three

three years Soldiers raised in 1781. And whereas it hath ben the constant Usage of the Town so far as the Memory of Man extends, and it may be reasonably presumed eversince the Town was Incorporated, to hold their Town Meetings by vertue of Warrants Issued by the Selectmen to the Constables who notified the Inhabitants makeing return thereof to the Selectmen with the Warrants, but it has not ben concidered necessary to record, or preserve such Warrants, which are now found to be the only proper vouchers for the legalety of the Meetings, and on this account Doubts have arisen with respect to the vallidety of the Proceedings of past Meetings and much Damage may arise to the Town thereby, therefore.

Comtee to Petition — Voted that Mr. Nathan Andrews, Capt. Francis Perley, & Thomas Perley Junr. be appointed a Committee to Petition the General Court jointly or several, praying that the Assessment made by the Assessors, in February 1784. of certain Sums of Mony raised by the Town April 29. 1783. and June 17. 1783. may be rattified, and rendered vallid to all Intents and purposes, allso to Petition for a confirmation of the Records of all past Town Meetings, so far as they wold have ben vallid, if the Warrants for calling the said Meetings had ben preserved.

Meetings call &c. — Voted that the Selectmen be requested when they call the next Town Meeting, to direct their Warrant to one of the Constables requireing him to warn all the quallified Inhabitants of the Town; and that for calling the second Meeting they direct their Warrant to the other Constable requireing him to warn the Inhabitants as aforesaid, and in this manner proceeding by rotation for the future. And that the Clerk be directed to Record such Warrants at large, with the Constables Return thereon

Meeting Dissolved

Essex: ss

[Seal]

To Asa Peabody Constable for Boxford, — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants Liveing in the Town of Boxford that are qualified to vote in Town Meetings agreeable to the Constitution to meet at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on Monday the second Day of July next, at four O'Clock in the afternoon on said Day

1st. To chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2d. To see if the Town will pass a Vote to build a Bride across the River between Salem and Beverly near the Ferry Ways agreeable to a Request sent to the Selectmen which shall then be laid before the Town

3d. To chuse a Committee to Petition the General Court for the above purpose.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant to us the Subscribers at time and place with your doings hereon as you will answer your default at the Peril of the Law.

Boxford June 25. 1787.

Nathan Andrews
Jonathan Foster
Samuel Kimball Jur.
Thomas Adams
Amos Perley
} Selectmen for Boxford

Essex ss in abidants to the within Warant I have warnd and notifid the within namd to meet at tim and Place within named —

Box.ford July 2. 1787. Asa Peabody Constable

Boxford July 2. 1787.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the Day aforesaid,
Capt.n Jonathan Foster was chosen Moderator
Voted that Mr. Nathan Andrews be appointed to petition the General Court in behalf of the Town, praying that Liberty may be given for erecting a Bridge across the River between Salem and Beverly, at or near the Place were the Ferry is kept, and that those Gentlemen which have applyed for Liberty to Build a Bridge in that place may be Incorporated for the same Purpose.

Meeting dissolved.

Essex: ss
Seal To Broadstreet Tyler Constable for Boxford – Greeting
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants in the Town of Boxford that are quallified to vote in Town Meetings to assemble at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on Thursday the thirteenth Day of September Instant at three O Clock in the afternoon on said Day to act on the following Articles (viz)
First, to chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting
2.dly to see what method the Town will take relative to an Action commenced against the Town by Mehitable Symonds
3.dly, to see if the Town will direct the several Committees to report their doings for the information and approbation of the Town agreable to a request.
Hereof fail not make return of this Warrant to us the Subscribers at Time and Place

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as you will answer your default at the Peril of the Law.

Boxford September 6. 1787. Nathan Andrews, Jonathan Foster, Samuel Kimball Jur., Amos Perley — Selectmen of Boxford

Essex ss. — In obeydiance to this Warrant I have warned and endeavoured to warn all the Inhabitants of this Town to meet at the Time and place

Boxford September 13. 1787. Broadstreet Tyler Constable

Boxford September 13. 1787

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day,

Mr. Nathan Andrews was chosen Moderator

Vote — Voted that the Treasurer be directed to settle as soon as it may be done, the Action of Mehitable Symonds against the Town

Voted that the several Committees that were appointed June 17. 1783. September 21. 1786. and January 2. 1787. to transact certain matters relative to paying the Cost of the hire of the three years Soldiers raised in 1781. be directed to report their doings for the information and approbation of the Town

Voted that the Meeting be adjourned one quarter of an Hour, — being then met, the following Reports were made (viz)

The Committee appointed September 21. 1786 to appear in defence of the Town upon the Action commenced by Lieut. Ebenezer, Peabody against those Persons that were Assessors in 1784. and being likewise directed to take any measures that might appear most benificial to the Town in relation to the Case.

Report,

Report. That being fully perswaded that it wold be for the true Interest of the Town and every Person therein to have an ammicable fair and honest settlement of that dispute without contending in the Law, with a veiw of effecting this they proposed to meet Lieut. Peabody and some of the principal Persons that were in opposition to the Tax, supposeing they had made Lieut. Peabodys Case a common cause: accordingly such a Meeting took place the twenty third Day of November last, The Committee at that time proposed settling Lieut. Peabodys Case by a Referenc^e this was objected to by him and the other Gentlemen, they alledgeing that a settlement of Lieut. Peabodys Case in this manner wold determine nothing with respect to the rest of them, they wished to see proper measures taken to settle the whole affair, which they supposed might be done by the Town appointing a Committee with power to take up the Matter at large, and they in opposition could then appoint some Persons to conduct the Business on their part, this proposal carrying the appearance of a general accommo=dation was approved by the Committee and other Persons to whome it was mentioned, in consequence thereof the Selectmen issued Warrants for holding a Town Meeting to act on this matter, which Meeting was held the 2^d of January 1787. when the Business of settlement devolved on another Committee; the defence at Law upon the Action of Lieut. Peabody remaining with this they have attended the same, which Case at July Term was by demurrer carried up to the Supream Judicial Court to be holden at Salem in November next,

John Dorman
September 13. 1787. Francis Perley
Thomas Perley Junr

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The Committee appointed January 2. 1787. to take proper Measures to effect a compleat settlement of the Assessment of the several Sums of Money raised by the Town in 1783. to pay the hire or Bounty given by the Town and by Individuals towards procureing this Towns Quota of the three years Men raised in 1781. being directed to aim at effecting this Business by any way or means that they might concider just and advantageous to the Town. Report as follows (viz)

That soon after their appointment, they notified the same to the Principal Persons in opposition to the Tax, and manifested a Readiness to endeavour effecting a Compromise of the whole Matter in dispute, and proposed to meet them for that purpose. And on the 9th of January did meet Lieut. Asa Merrill, Mr. Lemuel Wood, Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody, and Mr. William Porter, who were concidered as the Major part of a Committee that had ben appointed to transact all matters in behalf of those Persons that opposed the Assessment aforesaid. at that Time the Committee on the ~~on the~~ part of the Town proposed to refer the whole Matter in dispute to the determination of three discreet disinterested Men, to be appointed by mutual agreement of the Parties, before whome every Person that supposed himself injured by the Assessment might be heard and awarded as the Referees should judge most equitable. This Proposal was unanimously rejected by those Persons on the part of opposition, who observed that from their veiw of the matter the vallidity of the Assessment wold be determined by a Point of pure Law, and they had rather leave it to twelve men than to three

one

One Gentleman said to belong to the Committee on the part of Opposition was prevented attending this Meeting, soon after it was proposed by him to have another Meeting of the Parties to hear and conecider of something further on the Subject, this was agreed to, and another Meeting took place the fifth Day of March. It was then proposed by the Gentlemen on the part of opposition, to allow the legality of the Assessment, upon condition the Town wold make allowances to each of them, equal to the Sums they were charged with in the Assessment. By this Proposal the Town was required to discharge them from paying their pro-portions of an Assessment of £1600. they refuseing to exhibit as all others had done an Account of the Sums paid by them towards raiseing the Soldiers, the Committee were not certified that such allowances as they proposed were justly due to them and did not assent thereto, conecidering that a very uncertain method for compleating that justice which the Town had at all Times aimed to establish by the measures they adopted and invariably maintained with respect to the Cost of procurcing Soldiers from the commencement of the War to the time of raiseing the Men in 1781.

The fifth of April it was proposed to some of the Committee by certain Persons on the part of opposition, to leave to the judgment of three judicious disinterested Men to deter-mine whether their Proposal of the fifth of March as before mentioned was not a generous one, and if it was not, then to determine what wold be so. This proposal for submiting to Refercence, a Matter of so much importance, stated in Terms so evasive and partial, that the justice of the cause was excluded, and the generosity of one of the Parties the only Article to be adjusted; was conecidered inadmissable.

The Committee observed to them that the Town had taken such Measures as appeared to be founded on the

Essex: ss.

×Seal× To Asa Peabody Constable for Boxford Greeting.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants living in the Town of Boxford that are quallified to vote in Town Meetings to assemble at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on Monday the twenty second Day of October at three of the Clock in the afternoon on said Day, to act on the following Articles (viz)

1 To chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2 To see what vote The Town will pass relative to building a Bridge over the River from Salem to Beverly near the Ferry-Ways in consequence of the Request of Salem and Beverly or any other method the Town shall think proper when convened relative to said Bridge ——

3 To see if the Town will pass a vote to give Capt. Thomas Mason an Order for his Rates in Constable Jacob Hazens List of Rates, or part of them.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant to us the Subscribers at time and place with your doings Hereon as you will answer your default at the Peril of the Law

Boxford October 17. 1787.

Nathan Andrews
Jona. Foster
Saml. Kimball Jr.
Thomas Adams
Amos Perley

Selectmen for Boxford

Essex: ss — I have warned the within named to meet at time and place

Boxford October 22. 1787. Asa Peabody Constable

Boxford October 22. 1787.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the Day aforesaid

Capt.n Jonathan Foster was chosen Moderator

On hearing and concidering the several Letters from Salem and Beverly.

Vote — Voted that the Town approve of the Measures of George Cabot Esq.r and others for erecting a Bridge over the River between Salem and Beverly.

A Question was put whether the Town will abate the Rates of Capt.n Thomas Mason in Constable Jacob Hazens List of Rates, or any part of them

past in the negative

Meeting dissolved

Seal — Essex: ss. To Bradstreet Tyler Constable for Boxford — - Greeting.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants liveing in the Town of Boxford quallified to vote for the choice of a Representative as the Constitution directs to meet at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on Thursday the sixth Day of December next at one O Clock in the afternoon on said Day to act on the following Articles (viz)

1.ly To chuse a Deligate to set in a convention to be held at Boston on the second Wednesday of January next to accept or reject the Constitution of the United States.

2.ly To chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

3.ly To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to instruct the Member to be chosen for the above Convention

4.ly

4ly To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to act on the Petition of Thomas Cross and others.

5ly To see if the Town will pass a vote that the Treasurer be directed to call in the average Tax so called agreeable to the Request

6ly To see if the Town will abate eighteen shillings and four Pence Mr. William Eills paid General Farley for an Execution.

7ly To see if the Town will allow the cost of an Execution on Tax No. 2. to Nathan Low Constable

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant to us the Subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the Peril of the Law

Boxford November 30. 1787.

Nathan Andrews
Jon.a Foster
Samuel Kimball Jr.
Thomas Adams
Amos Perley
} Selectmen for Boxford

Essex: ss. In obediance to this Warrant I have warned all the within named to meet at the time and place Boxford December the 6 Day 1787.

Broadstreet Tyler Constable

Boxford December 6 1787.

At a Town-Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid Day

Delegate chosen — Selectmen presideing, the Honorable Aaron Wood Esqr. was chosen a Delegate to meet in Convention the second Wednesday of January next for rattification of the proposed Constitution.

Chose Majr. Asa Perley Moderator

Voted to chuse a Committee to give Instructions to the Delegate chosen to sit in Convention

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the Thirteenth Day of December Instant at one O'Clock afternoon

Decr.

December 13. 1787. the Town met according to adjournment

Comtee chosen — Voted that Capt. Jonathan Foster, Mr. Nathan Andrews and, Ensn. Daniel Nurse be a Committee to give Instructions to the Delegate chosen to meet in Convention the second Wednesday of January next.

Comtee chosen — Voted, that Capt. Jonathan Foster, Majr. John Robinson and Lt. Ebenezer Peabody be a Committee to concider the Petition of Thomas Cross and others, and to report such matters as they judge necessary for the Information of the Town, relative to granting the prayer of the Petition,

Vote — Voted that the Treasurer be directed to call in the Average Tax so called as soon as may be.

A Question was put whether the Town will abate eighteen Shillings and four Pence Mr. William Ells paid General Farley for an Execution. past in the negative

A Question was put, whether the Town will allow the cost of an Execution to Nathan Low Constable on Tax No. 2. past in the negative

Meeting dessolved

(seal) To Asa Peabody Constable of the Town of Boxford Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford quallified to vote in Town Meeting to meet at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on Thursday the third Day of January next, at one O Clock in the afternoon on said Day to act on the following Articles

1st To chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2d To see if the Town will accept of the Instructions of the Committee given to the Delegate chosen to sit in the convention to be held at the State House in Boston on the Second Wednesday in January next.

3rdly

3rdly. To see if the Town will vote to raise a suitable Sum of Money to defray Town Charges the present Year

Hereof fail not make return of this Warrant to us the Subscribers at time and place with your doings hereon as you will answer your default at the Peril of the Law

Boxford Decr. 28. 1787.

Nathan Andrews
Jona. Foster
Amos Perley
} Selectmen for Boxford

Essex ss I have notified the within named to meet at time and place
Boxford January 3: 1788. Asa Peabody Constable

Boxford January 3d. 1788.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town, on the Day aforesaid.

Mr. Nathan Andrews was chosen Moderator.

passing over the 2d. Article in the Warrant, a Question was put; whether the Town will raise a suitable Sum of Money to defray Town charges the present year.

past in the negative.

Meeting dissolved.

Essex: ss. To Bradstreet Tyler Constable for Boxford - Greeting

Seal

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants liveing in the Town of Boxford that are quallified to vote in Town Meeting agreeable to the Constitution to meet at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on Tuesday the eleventh Day of March next at eleven O'Clock in the forenoon on said Day

1 To chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting.

2 To chuse Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs

3dly

3 To see if the Town will pass a vote to mend the Highways or Roads in said Town by a Rate if so to see what Sum of Money the Town will raise for the above purpose and allso to see what the Town will allow a Man a yoke of Oxen a Cart & a Plough pr Day.

4 To see if the Town will pass a vote that the Swine go at large being yoked and ring'd as the Law directs

5 To see if the Town will pass a vote to grant the Petition of Mr Daniel Chapman and others relative to the School in said Town: and allso to see if the Town will pass a Vote to build one School House in the center of each Parish in said Town

6 To see if the Town will accept of the Report of a Committee chosen by the Town to veiw the Ground and see what terms Mr David Kimball will settle with the Town on account of a Road across the said Kimball's Land petitioned for by the Inhabitance of the Town of Bradford,

7 To see if the Town will direct the Surveyors of said Town to keep the Roads in said Town open dureing the Winter season the present year.

8. To allow Bills of Charge.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant to us the Subscribers at time and place with your doings hereon as you will answer your default at the peril of the Law

Boxford February 28. 1788.

Nathan Andrews
Jon^a Foster
Samuel Kimball Jr
Thomas Adams
Amos Perley
} Selectmen for Boxford

Essex: ss. In obediance to this Warrant I have warned all the Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time and Place

Boxford March 11. 1788. Bradstreet Tyler Constable

Boxford March 11. 1788.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town, on the Day aforesaid.

Majr. Asa Perley was chosen Moderator, and the following Persons were chosen to serve Town Officers the ensuing year (viz)

Clerk Thomas Perley Junr.

Selectmen & Assessors
Deacon John Dorman
Majr. John Robinson
Capt. Francis Perley
Capt. Ivory Hovey
Mr. Aaron Perley

Constables
Mr. Solomon Gould
Lt. Asa Merrill

Treasurer
Capt. William Perley

Warden
Mr. Joseph Hale

Tythingmen
Capt. Francis Perley
Mr. Asa Peabody
Mr. Broadstreet Tyler
Mr. Thomas Chadwick

Surveyors of Highways
Capt. William Perley
Capt. Richard Peabody
Mr. Nathaniel Perley
Mr. Jonathan Burpee
Ensn. Joseph Symonds
Mr. Timothy Dorman
Capt. Jacob Gould
Capt. Jonathan Foster
Mr. Israel Adams
Mr. Samuel Chadwick
Mr. Stephen Merrill
Mr. Samuel Kimball

Hogreeves
Mr. Nathan Perley
Mr. Amos Gould
Mr. Stephen Peabody
Mr. John Herrick
Mr. John Hovey

Fenceviewers
Mr. Richard Foster
Mr. Daniel Chapman
Mr. Broadstreet Tyler

Sealer of Weights & Measures
Mr. Nathan Wood

Sealer of Leather Mr. David Kimball

Surveyor of Boards Plank Timber & other Lumber
Mr. Nathaniel Perley

Pound Keepers
Mr. Asa Peabody
Mr. Joseph Hovey

County Treasurer, Honoble Michael Farley Esqr. 25. Votes

Voted

Voted to mend the Highways and Town Roads by a Rate the year ensuing.

Highways £120. Voted to raise one Hundred and twenty Pound to mend and repair the Highways and Town Roads the year ensuing

Voted to allow for a Man working on the Highways 3/0 pr. Day, for a Yoke of Oxen 1/6 pr. Day, for a Cart 1/0 pr Day, & for a Plough 1/6. pr. Day.

Swine. Voted that Swine may go at large the year ensuing being yoked and ringed as the Law requires.

School &c. A Question was put, whether the Town will build one School House in the center of each Parish

past in the Negative

Surveyors &c Voted that the Surveyors of Highways for the Year ensuing be directed to keep the Roads open in the Winter Season

Meeting adjourned. Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in April next ensuing, at one O'Clock in the afternoon.

Monday April 7. 1788. The Town met on adjournment

Mr. Abraham Tyler was chosen Warden

Voted that Mr. Solomon Gould be excused from serveing Constable

Constable Chose Mr. Moses Peabody Constable the ensuing year

Comttee Report The Committee appointed to consider the Petition of Thomas Cross and others relative to the Peice of Way through David Kimballs Land, report as followeth, (viz)

That it is necessary and reasonable that said Petition be granted, And that it is judged adviseable that the Town appoint a Committee to lay out the way, allso consider the best method of opening the same and report their doings to the Town.

Boxford April 7. 1788.

John Robinson
Ebenezer Peabody } Comttee

Voted that the above Report, be accepted.

Comttee appointed Voted that Majr. John Robinson, Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody and Capt. Jonathan Foster, be a Committee to lay out a Road

Road over David Kimballs Land, as mentioned in the Petition of Thomas Cross and others, allso to consider the most eligible method for opening said Way. And to report their doings as soon as may be.

Vote. Voted that Mr. Asa Peabody be excused from serveing Tythingmen
Chose Mr. David Kimball Tythingman the Year ensuing

Vote. Voted to allow Capt. William Perleys Bill of £ 4=10 for his services as Treasurer three Years past.

Vote. Voted that this Meeting be adjourned into the annual Meeting in May next ensuing.

May 15. 1788. The Town met on adjournment

Meeting dissolved.

Seal. Essex: ss. To Asa Peabody Constable for Boxford - Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford quallified as the Constitution prescribes for voteing in the choise of Governor &c, to assemble at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on Monday the Seventh Day of April next at one O. Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for the choise of a Governor Lt. Governor and Senators for the year ensuing.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings herein to the Subscribers at time and place abovenamed, as you answer your default under the Penalties of the Law in that behalf made and provided.

Dated at Boxford 17. of March 1788.

John Dorman
John Robinson
Francis Perley
Ivory Hovey
Aaron Perley

Selectmen of Boxford

Essex: ss I have notified the above named to meet at Time and place

Boxford April 7. 1788. Asa Peabody Constable

Boxford April 7. 1788.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the Day aforesaid the Selectmen presideing received Votes for the choise of Governor, Lt Governor and Senators as follows (viz)

Governor	His Excelency John Hancock Esqr	31. Votes
	Honoble Elbridge Geary Esqr	29
Lt Governor	Honoble James Warren Esqr	28.
	Honoble Benjamin Lincoln Esqr	25.
	Mr Daniel Chapman	1

Senators		Senators	
Honoble Aaron Wood Esqr	29.	Honoble Azor Orne Esqr	19. Votes
Honoble Israel Hutcinson Esqr	27.	Honoble Samuel Holten Esqr	20.
John Manning Esqr	29	Honble Samuel Phillips Junr Esqr	19.
Doctor Daniel Shillam	28.	Honoble Tristram Dalten Esqr	19.
Captn Richard Ward	27.	Honoble Benjamin Good Esqr	19.
Captn Peter Osgood Junr	28.	Honoble Stephen Choate Esqr	19.

Meeting disolved

Seal.

Essex: ss. To Moses Peabody Constable for Boxford, Greeting —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are here by required forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants of Boxford that are quallified by the Constitution to vote for a Representative to assemble at the Meeting House in the first Parish of said Town on Thursday the fifteenth Day of May next, at two O Clock in the afternoon on said Day to give in their Votes for some suitable Person to represent thes Town at the Great and General Court to be holden at the State House in Boston on the last Wednesday in May next,

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2dly To chuse a Moderator to regulate the remainder of said Meeting.

3dly To see if the Town will vote that Captn William Perley shall have liberty to keep up the Gates on the Road from Henry Perley's to the Road by Asa Peabody's till October next,

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings hereon to the Subscribers at Time and place as you will answer your default at the Peril of the Law

Boxford April 29. 1788.

John Dorman
John Robinson
Francis Perley
Ivory Hovey
Aaron Perley
} Selectmen of Boxford

Essex: ss. In obeydiance to this Warrant I have warned the above named to meet at time and Place

Boxford May 15. 1788. Moses Peabody Constable

Boxford May 15. 1788.

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the Day aforesaid the

Representative — Selectmen presideing, Captn Isaac Adams was chosen to represent the Town at the General Court. & Majr John Robinson was chosen Moderator

Vote. Voted that Captn William Perley shall have liberty to keep up the Gates on the Road from Henry Perleys to the Road by Asa Peabody's, untill October next.

Meeting dissolved.

Boxford March 11. 1788. Captn Jacob Gould and Mr Timothy Dorman appeared and were sworn to the faithfull discharge of the Office of Surveyors of Highways

Boxford March 11. 1788. Thomas Perley Junr. appeared in open Town Meeting and before the Moderator was sworn to the faithfull discharge of the Office of Town Clerk, allso took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance.

Boxford March 17. 1788. Deacon John Dorman, Majr. John Robinson, Capt. Francis Perley, Captn. Ivory Hovey, and Mr. Aaron Perley appeared and took the Oath by Law prescribed to the Office of Assessors, allso took and subscribed the Oath of allegiance.

Boxford March 17. 1788. Mr. Nathan Perley appeared and was sworn to the faithfull discharge of the Office of Hogreve.

Boxford March 18. 1788. Mr. John Herrick appeared and was sworn to the faithfull discharge of the Office of Hogreve

Boxford March 29. 1788. Mr. Joseph Hale appeared and took the Oath by Law prescribed to the Office of Warden.

Boxford April 2. 1788. Capt. William Perley appeared and was sworn to the faithfull discharge of the Offices of Town Treasurer and Surveyor of Highways, allso took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance

Boxford June 18. 1788. Lieut. Asa Merrill appeared and took the Oath by Law prescribed to the Office of Constable, allso took and subscribed the Oath Allegiance

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An agreement made on the 13 Dec. 1820 betwixt Richard Woodman on the one part and Simeon Pearl on the other on account of a piece of fence betwixt said Woodman and Pearl the whole line being 49 rods; according to our measurement the said Pearl had made 4½ rods more than one half of the fence and which the said Woodman promised to pay the said Pearl for at 66⅔ cents per rod makeing in all $3,00.

The said fence is in Boxford near Johnsons Pond so called and the said Pearls part of the fence begins at the corner bound betwixt said Woodman and Samuel Kimball by the side of said Pearls land; thence running Westwardly 24½ rods to a stake and stones and the said Woodmans part of the fence begins at said stake and stones and so on to land of Lieut. E. Peabody.

Simeon Pearl
Richard Woodman

[Seal]

Essex: ss: Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
To Moses Peabody Constable for Boxford Greeting

You are hereby required forthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford that are qualified as the Law directs to vote in Town Meetings to assemble and meet at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on Wednesday the 11th Day of June Instant at four O, Clock in the afternoon on said Day to act on the following Articles. (viz.)

Firstly To chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2dly To chuse a Constable for the north District in said Town

3dly To see if the Town will direct the Assessors to assess the Money voted to be raised in 1785. Likewise to see if the Town will vote to raise a further Sum of Money to defray the arisen, and ariseing Charges in said Town

Hereof fail not, make return of this Warrant with your doings hereon to us the Subscribers at Time and Place as you will answer your default at the Peril of the Law

Boxford June 6. 1788.

John Dorman
John Robinson
Francis Perley
Ivory Hovey
Aaron Perley
} Selectmen of Boxford

Essex: ss. I have warned and notifyed the above named to meet at Time and Place by posting as usual.

Boxford June 11. 1788. Moses Peabody Constable

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford June 11. 1788.

Deacon John Dorman was chosen Moderator

Lieut. Asa Merril was chosen Constable for the North District

A Question was put, whether the Town will direct the Assessors to assess the Money voted to be raised in 1785; past in the negative

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the 23rd Day of June Instant at five O, Clock afternoon

June 23. 1788. The Inhabitants did not assemble, of course the Meeting dissolved

Seal

Essex ss. To Moses Peabody Constable for Boxford — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants that live in said Town, that are qualified to vote in Town Meetings, to assemble at the Meeting House in the first Parish of said Town on Tuesday the thirtieth Day of September Instant at two O'Clock in the afternoon on said Day, to act on the following Articles. (viz)

Firstly, to chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

Secondly, To see what sum of Money the Town will vote to raise to defray the arisen, and the ariseing Charges within said Town the present year.

Thirdly. to see if the Town will abate such Rates in Constable Jacob Hazens List of Rates, as shall appear reasonable to be abated

Fourthly. To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to reckon with the Treasurer, and the several Collectors, that have not made up their Collections, in order to know the true state of the Treasury, and for the Committee to make report to the Town as soon as may be

Hereof fail not, make return of this Warrant to us the Subscribers at time and place, with your doings hereon, as you will answer your default at the Peril of the Law.

Boxford September 23. 1788.

John Dorman
John Robinson
Francis Perley
Ivory Hovey
Aaron Perley

Selectmen for Boxford

In obeydiance to this Warrant I have warned the within names to meet at Time and Place, Boxford September 29. 1788.

Moses Peabody Constable

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford September 30. 1788.

Deacon John Dorman was chosen Moderator.

A Question was put whether the Town will raise a Sum of Money to defray Town Charges. past in the negative

Vote. Voted to abate Eliphelet Hales, largest Town Tax in Constable Jacob Hazens Lists

A Question was put whether the Town will abate the Rates of Asa Smith in Constable Hazens Lists. past in the negative

Votes

Voted that the Selectmen abate the Rates of John Dresser, in Constable Hazens Lists if they judge it reasonable

Vote — Voted that the Selectmen be appointed a Committee to reckon with the Treasurer, and the several Collectors of Town Taxes who have not made up their Collections in order to know the true state of the Treasury, the Committee to make report as soon as may be.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the 14th. Day of October next at four O Clock afternoon.

October 14. 1788. The Town meet.

Rates abated — Voted to abate the Rates of John Cree, Samuel Cree, Isaac Perkins, Jonathan Chapman, the Heirs of Theophilus Fish, and Thomas Newman, in Constable Jacob Hazens Lists of Rates, allso the Rates of Zebulon Wilds that remain unpaid in said Lists, likewise Jonathan Hobbs Head and Personal Estate in Constable Hazens largest List of Town Taxes.

Meeting dissolved

Seal — Essex: ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Lieut. Asa Merrill Constable for Boxford Greeting

You are hereby required forthwith to warn the Inhabitants of Boxford that are qualified to vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Boxford on Thursday the 18th Day of December Instant at one O Clock in the afternoon on said Day, to give in their Votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States, and likewise to give in their votes for two Persons to be Electors of the President and Vice President of the United States, agreeably to a Resolve of this Commonwealth passed November 20th 1788.

Allso to act on the following Articles (viz)

1ly To chuse a Moderator to regulate the remainder of said Meeting

2ly To see if the Town will choose a Committee to establish a method for a settlement of the Difficulties the Town is thrown into by reason of the average Tax so called being adjudged to be illegal by the Supreem Judicial Court last June, and to take it up from that Period, and to lay their doings before Town for confirmation, agreeably to a request from John Chadwick & others. or

or 3dly To take any other measures the Town shall see fit with regard to said Rates when conveened

4ly. To see if the Town will abate Elisha Towns Rates in Constable Jacob Hazen's Lists of Rates.

Dated Boxford December 12. 1788.

John Dorman
John Robinson
Francis Perley
Aaron Perley
Selectmen of Boxford.

In obeydiance to the within I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town to meet at time and place.

Boxford December 18. 1778. Asa Merrill Constable

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford December 18. 1788. The Selectmen presideing, and receiving the Votes for the choice of a Representative to the Congress of the United States which were Hono.ble Benjamin Goodhue Esq.r twenty three, Hono.ble Nathan Dane Esq.r two.

Representative to Congress

Deacon John Dorman was chosen Moderator.

Voted to appoint a Committee to establish a method for a Settlement of the Difficulties the Town is thrown into by reason of the Average Tax, so called being adjudged illegal by the Supreem Judicial Court last June, and to take it up from that Period, and to lay their doings before the Town for confirmation. Voted that Capt.n Ivory Hovey, Mr. Daniel Chapman, Mr. Nathan Andrews, Maj.r John Robinson, Deacon John Dorman, Mr. Lemuel Wood, Capt.n Francis Perley, Lieut.n Moses Carlton, and Thomas Perley Jun.r, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Com.tee to settle &c.

Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to the 22.d Day of January next at two O'Clock afternoon

January 22. 1789. the Town met.

Vote

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to call on the Constables to settle their Collections of the Assessment of the sums of Money voted to pay the

the hire of the Soldiers raised in 1781. And that the Assessors be directed to demand and receive, of Constables Jacob Hazen, and Abraham Tyler. the Assessments aforesaid, with the whole Evidence of all payments thereon, the said Constables to receive such Credit as the Assessors from an Inspection of their respective Lists of Assessment shall adjudge each of them intitled to. And the said Constables to be holden for the payment of such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall be found deficient, after being credited as aforesaid.

Rates abated

Voted to abate the Rates of Elisha Town in Constable Jacob Hazens List of Rates.

Meeting dissolved

Seal

Essex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts — To Moses Peabody Constable for Boxford Greeting —

You are hereby required forthwith to notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford duly quallified to vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth, to assemble at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Boxford on Thursday the twenty ninth of January current, at two O,clock in the afternoon on said Day, to give in their Votes for a Representative, who shall be an Inhabitant of the District of Essex, to represent the said District in the Congress of the United States of America

Hereof fail not make return of this Warrant with your doings herein to us the Subscribers at time and place.

Boxford January 22. 1789.

John Dorman
Francis Perley
Aaron Perley
} Selectmen of Boxford

In obeydiance to this Warrant I have notified the within named to meet at time and place

Boxford January 29. 1789. Moses Peabody Constable

1 Chose Capt. J. Merrill
Moderator —
2. David Bixby Pound keeper
in 1st Parish —
Daniel Mitchel School Comt

Road laid out 1765
Next 1820

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At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford January 29. 1789.

The Selectmen presideing and receiveing the: Votes for the choice of a Representative for the District of Essex to the Congress of the United States of America, which Votes were as follows (viz)

Hono^ble Benjamin Goodhue Esqr. 20.

Meeting dissolved.

(Seal) Essex ss: commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Moses Peabody Constable for Boxford — Greeting

you are hereby Required fourthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of Boxford Qualified as the law directs to Vote in Town Meetings: to meet at the Meeting House in the First Parish in Boxford on Tuesday the tenth day of March next insuing at one o Clock in the after Noon on Said day to act on the following articles (viz) —

1ly to chuse a Moderator to Regulate Said Meeting —

2ly to Chuse Town Officers as the Law directs for the year ensuing —

3ly to See if the Town will Vote that the Swine Shall go at large the present year being Yoaked & Ringed as the law directs

4ly to See if the Town will Vote to mend the High ways and Town Roads by a Rate the present year if so then to See how Much Money the Town will Raise for that purpose: and also to See how Much the Town will allow a man per day for working on the High ways and Town Roads & how much for a pair of Oxen per day & how Much for a Cart & how Much for a plow per day —

5ly to See how Much Money the Town will Vote to Raise to defray the Risen and the ansuing Charges the present year —

6ly to See if the Town will Vote to take a Valuation of all the Ratable property that belongs to the Town the present year if so to appoint a Committee for that purpose —

7ly to See if the Town will Chuse a Committee consisting of three or More as the Town Shall think proper whose business it Shall be to give Seasonable Notice in Writing to the Select Men Treasurer and Constables of a time and place to Meet at and the Said Committee to take a fair account of all the Money the Select Men Shall have given orders for to whom and for what purposes to Make & State and Fair account of the State of the Treasury and also to State an account of the Charges of the Select men and Assessors and Said Committee to lay Said accounts before the Town for their information agreeable to a Request from Oliver Foster and others

the Remainder of the Warrent is carried over leaf —

8ly to See if the Town will except of a Road laid out by the Select men from Topsfield Line Near Mr. Simon Goulds by Den. Symonds House and Mills to the County Road near the Widow Anna Williams allowing Gates on Said Road agreeably to a Petition from Simon Gould & others

9ly to allow Bills of Charg.—

Hereof Fail not but Make Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us the Subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the perrills of the law

Boxford Feb.r 26th 1789—

John Dorman
John Robinson
Francis Perley
Aaron Perley
Ivory Hovey
Select-men for Boxford

Essex ss. in Obedience to this Warrant I have Warned the within Named to Meet at time and place

Moses Peabody – Constable

Boxford March: 5 1789

Boxford March 10 1789

agreeably to the forgoing Warrant the Inhabitants of Said Town assembled at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Said Boxford for the purpose of Chusing Town Officers for the Ensuing year and to act on the other articles Mentioned in Said Warrant.

1ly Chose Capt Isaac Adams Moderator to regulat Said Meeting

2ly + Chose Aaron Wood Esqr Town Clerk

3ly + Chose Mr. [illegible]
+ Richard Foster
+ Simeon Wood
+ Samuel Kimball Jur.
Lt. Moses Carlton
+ Ens Daniel Hurst
Select men & Assessors

4ly Chose Solomon Gould
Moses Wood
Constables

5ly Chose Aaron Wood Esqr Treasurer

6ly Voted to dispense with the leading the Wardens out before the Choice of Wardens

7. + Chose Joseph Hale and Moses Kimball Wardens

8ly + Chose Lt Jedidiah Stickney
Nathan Andrews
Tyler Porter &
Majr John Robinson
Tything men

9ly + Chose Daniel Chapman
+ Stephen Peabody
Bradstreet Tyler
Fence Viewers

10 Chose Nathan Wood Sealer of Weights and Measures

11 Chose David Kimball Sealer of Leather

12 Chose Nathan Wood
Lt Samuel Runnels
Nathan Andrews
Surveyors of Plank Roads and other Lumber—

13 + Chose Asa Peabody and Joseph Hovey Pound Keepers

the remainder of this Meeting Continued to the other leaf

14 by	+ Chose Asa Kimball + Ens. John Tillum + Jacob Andrews + Samuel Brown + Joseph Hale jun + Lt. Jedidiah Stickney Lt. Jonathan Wood	Surveyors of
	+ Simeon Stiles Enos Carlton Samuel Carlton jun Amasa Peabody Samuel Chadwick Simeon Cole	High ways & Town Road —

15	+ Chose Jesse Perley + Capt. Jacob Gould Enoch Kimbal	Hogreevs
	James Andrews William Rea Ephraim Peabody	

16 by Voted that the Swine Should go at lary the present year being well yoaked and Ringed according to Law —

17 th Voted to Mend the High ways and Town Road the present year by a Rate this Voted to raise one Hundred Pounds to Mend the High ways and Road with year Voted to allow a Man for Working on the High way & Road 3/0 pr day for one pair of oxen 2/0 pr day for a Cart 2/0 per day for a plow 1/8 per day —

Then the Meeting was Adjorned ~~the Said Meeting~~ to the First Monday of Aprill Next at two of the Clock after noon then to Meet at the ~~Meeting~~ House in the said First Parish in Boxford

Aprill 6 the Town Met again according to Adjournment

1 Voted to dismiss Solomon Gould from being constable the present year and also Voted to except of Mr Asa Peabody to serve in his Room

2 Voted to dismiss Mr Moses Wood from being Constable the present year

3 Voted that Enoch Kimball should serve as Constable the present year

600 4 Voted to raise Six Hundred Pound to defray the Expen and arising Charge of the Town the present year —

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to the May Meeting at two o Clock after noon then to Meet at this place —

(Seal) Essex ss To Asa Merril Constable for Boxford — Greeting —
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: you are hereby Required to warn all the Inhabitants of Said Town qualified as the Constitution directs to Vote in the Choice of a Govener Lt Govener and Senators. to Meet at the Meeting-House in the First Parish in Said Town on Monday the Sixth day of Aprill next at one oClock in the after-noon Hereof Fail not but Make return of this warrent with your doings thereon as you will answer your default under the pains and Penalties of the law:

Boxford March 19: 1789

Richard Foster
Samuel Wood
Samuel Kimball
Moses Carlton
Daniel Nurss
Selectmen for Boxford

In obedience to the within I have Notified all the Inhabitants living in the Town of Boxford to Meet at the Time and Place - - . Asa Merill Constable

Boxford Aprils 6th 1789 —

(Seal) Essex ss: To Asa Peabody Constable for Boxford Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn all the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as the constitution directs to Vote in the choice of a Representative to assemble and Meet at the Meeting-House in the first Parish on Wednesday the thirteenth Day of May Instant at three oClock in after noon, then and there to chuse Some Sutable Person to represent the Town in the Great and General Court to be held at the State-House in Boston on the last Wednesday of this Instant May and also to act upon the following Articles (viz)
firstly to appoint a Moderator to Regulate the remainder of said Meeting
2ly to See if the Town will Vote to remburse to Mr Solomon Gould the Value of his Money which he paid as a fine for not serving Constable in the year 1778.:
Hereof Fail not but Make return of this Warrent to us the Subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default under the pains and penalty of the law

Boxford May 5 1789

Richard Foster
Samuel Wood
Samuel Kimball
Moses Carlton
Daniel Nurss
Selectmen of Boxford

Essex ss I have Notified the within named to Meet at time and place
Boxford May 13 1789
Asa Peabody Constable

— Chose Capt Isaac Adams Moderator of sd Meeting
2ly Voted to allow Solomon Gould the fine he paid for not serving as a Constable the sum of £2:12
then the Meeting was disolved

Att a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified according to the Constitution to Vote in the Choice of Govenor Lt Govenor & Senators at the Meeting House on the first Monday of Aprill 1789 — the Select Men presiding Rec'd the Votes for a Govenor Lt Govenor & Senators the Numbers were as follows (viz)

For Govenor { His Excelency John Hancock had 37 Votes
Honl. James Bowdoin Esqr — 7

For Lt Govner { [illegible]
Hon Samuel Adams Esqr 13
Honl James Warren Esqr 28
Mr Stephen Peabody — 1

Senators
Honl Aaron Wood 31
Richard Ward Esqr 24
Honl Israel Hutchenson — 27
John Manning Esqr 22
Capt Peter Osgood — 21
Doct Daniel Killam — 22
Honl Azor Orne — 27
Honl Stephen Choate 18
Honl Samuel Holton 1
Edward Pulling 20
Honl Jonathan Jackson 19
Honl Samuel Philips 22
Baley Bartlett Esqr 18
Gen. Jonathan Titcomb 3
Honl Peter Coffin — 5
Honl Nathan Dane 2

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the Town meeting begun and held in March 10 1789 was Adjourned till the first Monday of Aprill following and from thence it was further Adjourned to May Meeting — Then the Town Met again according to Adjourn=ment

Voted there should be a Committee of Five Namely Aaron Wood Nathan Andrews Samuel Wood Parker Spafford & Bradstreet Tyler Whose business it Shall be to give Sutable and Seasonable Notice in Writing to the Select men Treasurer and Constables of a time and place to meet at and the Said Committee to take a Fair account of all the Money the Select men Shall have given orders for to Whom and for what purposes: to Make a full and Fair account of the State of the Treasurey and also to State an account of the Charges of the Select men and Assessors and Said to Lay Said accounts before the Town for their Information — Chose Lt Ebenezer Surveyor of Highways —
then the Meeting was further Adjourned to the last Tuesday of June next two a Clock after noon in this place —

June 30th the Town Met a gain according to Adjournment
1 Voted to except Lent Asa Merrill to Serve a Constabel in the Room of Enoch Kimball —
2 Chose Lt Jonathan Wood to Serve Treasurer in the Room of Aaron
+ Wood who declined Serving in that Office
3. it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Except of a Town Road Layed out by John Dorman John Robbenson Tremus Perley and Aaron Perley a greeable to a Petition of Simon Gould and others and it past in the Negative —
4 Voted to allow William Perley 2 – 8 for Serving Treasurer the year past
5 Voted to a low Moses Peabody one Dollar for a Coimterfeit one he had taken in Collecting his Rates — and then the Meeting was disolved —

(Seal) Essex ss. To Asa Peabody Constable for Boxford - Greeting you are by Ordered to Notify & warn all the Inhabitents Living in the Town of Boxford who are Legally Quallified to Vote in the Town Meetings to assemble at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Sd Town at two o Clock after noon on said day to act on the following articles (Viz)
Firstly To choose a Moderator to Regulate Sd Meeting —
2dly To See if the Town will direct the Treasurer to call upon Collectors to settle the last Town Tax by any certain time the Town Shall think proper when convened
3dly To See if the Town will take any Measures respecting the average tax so called if so then to See what Measures the Town will take in order to Settle the dispcultys that has arisen in Said Town in consequence of the above sd tax
Hereof fail not and Make return of your doings hereon to us the Subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default on the pains and penalty of the of the Law in such case provided — Dated Boxford Octbr 13th 1789

Essex ss. I have Notified the within to Meet at time and place Boxford Octor 19 1789

Richard Foster
Lemuel Wood
Samuel Kimball
Moses Carlton
Daniel Nurss.
Select men for Boxford

at a Town Meeting begun and held in Boxford Octo 19th 1789
1 Chose Mr. Nathan Andrews Moderator of Said Meeting
2 Voted the Treasurer be directed to extend his Executions ~~for the~~ upon the Collectors for the last Town tax by the 19th day of Decr. next if they dont Settle their Collections by that time
3 Voted to take Some Measures Respecting the average tax So called
4 Voted to Chuse a Committee of five
Voted Chose Daniel Chapman
Samuel Wood, Moses Peabody
Lt. Moses Carlton & Lt Benjamin Daley

and then the Moderator declared the Meeting to be desolved

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at Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Qualifyed according to Constitution to Vote in the Choise of Governor Lieut Governer & Senetors met at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Said Boxford on Monday the fifth day of Aprill for that purpose 1790 the Select Men and Town Clerk presiding: Received the Votes for Governer Lt Governer and Senetors which were as Followes —

Governor John Hancock Esqr 29
Lt Governr Samuel Adams Esqr 23

Senetors
Samuel Houghten Esqr 17
Capt Peter Osgood junr 16
Azor Orn Esqr 14
John Manning Esqr 14
Dr Daniel Killiam — 14
Aaron Wood Esqr — 12
Richard Ward Esqr 5
Samuel Philips jur 4
John Choate Esqr 4
Stephen Choat Esqr 4
Peter Coffin Esqr 2
Isaac Osgood Esqr 1
Ebenezer March Esqr 1

At a legal Town Meeting begun and held in Boxford March 9 1790

1 Chose Deacon John Dorman Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2 Chose Aaron Wood Esqr. Town Clerk

3 Chose Mr. Nathan Andrews
Lemuel Wood
Richard Foster
Lt. Moses Carlton.
& Stephen Peabody
} Selectmen & Assessors

but upon a Motion made by the said Nathan Andrews to be Excused from serving in said offices the Question being put he was Excused

upon a Call for a Nother person to be chosen in the Room of Mr Andrews Excused: upon Examining the Votes the Moderator Declared Aaron Wood Esqr to be chosen

4 Chose Mr. Thomas Perley junr.
& Thomas Chadwick
} Constables

5 Chose Lt Jonathan Wood Treasurer

Then upon a Motion Made & seconed the Question was put whether the Meeting should be adjourned and it was Voted it should be adjourned to Monday the the fifth day of Aprill next two a Clock after noon

Aprill 5 The Town Met again according to adjournment &c

1 Voted to Except of Mr Nathaniel Perley to Serve as Constable in the Room of Mr Thomas Perley junr.

2 Voted to Except of Lt Asa Merill to Serve Constable in the Room of Thomas Chadwick

3 Chose Mr Joseph Hale
Capt Ivory Hovey
} Wardens

4 Chose Lt. Jedediah Stickney
Mr John Stiles
Mr Samuel Chadwick
Mr Tyler Porter
} Tythingmen

5 Chose Mr Nathan Andrews
Capt Richard Peabody
Messrs Daniel Chapman
Ephraim Foster
Enoch Kimball
} Fence Viewers

6 Chose Mr. Nathan Wood Sealer of wts & Measures

7 Chose Mr. James Chute Sealer of Leather

8 Chose Mr Nathan Wood
Mr. Nathaniel Perley
Lt Asa Merill
} Surveyors of Plank Board and other Lumber

9 Chose Mr Asa Peabody
Lt Joseph Hovey
} Pound Keepers

10 Chose Lt Benjamin Perley
Messrs Samuel Kimball
Solomon Gould
Lt Jedediah Stickney
Samuel Brown
Solomon Perley
Solomon Wood
Bradstreet Tyler
Joseph Carlton
Joseph Hovey
Obediah Carlton
Isaac Chadwick
} Surveyors of High ways

11 Chose Bimsley Peabody
Lt James Andrews
Thomas Bulman
Abraham Tyler
Samuel Chadwick
} Hogreeves

12 Chose Messrs Asa Peabody
Benjamin Spafford
} Field Drivers

13 Voted to Mend the Roads and High ways by a Rate the present year
14 Voted to raise one Hundred Pounds to Mend the said Road & High ways with ye present year
15 Voted to allow a Man 3/0 per day for working on the said ways
for a Cart 1/6 per day for a plow 2/0 for a pair of Oxen 2/0
16 Voted the Swine should go at large the present year being yoaked and Ringed
according to Law
17 Voted that the poor be Supported the ensuing year by letting them out to the
Lowest bidder by way of Vendue—

Then the Meeting was Adjourned into the May Meeting—

May 10 the Town being Meet in Town Meeting resumed the March Meeting according
to Adjournment and Voted further to Adjourn said Meeting to the First Monday
in June at two oClock and the Meeting was Adjourned accordingly—

June 7th the Town Met according to Adjournment
on account of the Small Number of the people present. The Town Voted
further to Adjourn the March Meeting to the Next Town Meeting
and the Meeting was adjourned accordingly

Octr 4 the Town Met again according to the Adjournment resumed the
Meeting-
it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Except a Report of
Daniel Chapman Lemuel Wood Moses Carlton & Benjamin respecting
the Average Rate so called at it passed in the Negative
it was put to Vote to see if the Town would allow John Pearl former
Constable one pound thirteen Shillings and four pence Cost on an Execution
on Tax No 1 and allso to see if the Town would allow him the Cost on
on an Execution from the Town being seventeen Shillings & six pence
and it past in the Negative-

Voted to abate Jacob Adams' Rates which is 1-18-6
and allso to abate the Middleton Rates being 10-10 in John Pearls
List of Rates a Former Constable—

and then the Meeting was Dessolved

N.B. before the Meeting was Dessolved the Town Voted to Accept of a Road Reported by
which report is on File

John Dorman
John Robbenson Selectmen
Francis Perley
Aaron Perley
Thos Bosford

~~of a Road~~

Essex ss. To Asa Merrill Constable for Boxford — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required to Notify and warn all the Inhabitants of Boxford to assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in the First Parish in ~~Boxford~~ said Town on Tuesday the Ninth day of March next who are qualified as the law directs to Vote in Town Meeting at one of Clock in the after Noon on said day: to act upon the following Articles (viz)

First to Chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting —

2ly to Chuse Town Officers as the law directs the ~~year~~ ensuing year

3ly To See if Town will Vote to Mend the publick Roads and high ways by a Rate — and if so to See how much Money the Town will Vote for that Purpose: and to See how much they will allow a Man pr. day in Working on the Roads and how Much for a Cart per day and how much For a plow per day and how Much for a pair of Oxen pr. day —

4ly To See if the Town will Vote that the Poor be supported the ensuing by Letting them out to the Lowest bidder by way of Vendue —

5ly to See if the Town will Vote that the Swine may go at large the Ensuing year being yoaked and ringed as the law directs.

6ly To See if the Town will Vote to except of a Road laid out by the Select men in the year 1709 agreable to a Request of Simeon Gould & others

7ly to See if the Town will Vote to except of the Report of a Committee Chosen to Consult on som Measures to be taken in order to settle the difficultys that has arisen in consequence of the average Tax so called: if so to take such other Measures as the Town shall thing best when convened —

8ly To See if the Town will Vote to allow John Peirl a former Constable The cost of an Execution on Tax No 1 and the cost of an Execution from the Town Treasurer, and ~~to See~~ if the Town will abate Jacob Adams' and some part of the Widow Middletons Rates in said Peirls list of Rates —

Here of Faile not but Make Return to us the Subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default under the pains & penaltys of the law

9ly to allow Bills of Charge —

Boxford Feby. 25th 1790 —

Richard Foster
Lemuel Wood
Samuel Kimball
Moses Carlton
Daniel Nurss

Select men of Boxford

The foregoing Meeting was enter'd upon the above Warrant

~~In obedience~~

I have Notifyed the Town to Meet at time and Place agreable to the within warrant

Asa Merrill Constable

Boxford March 9 1790

Essex ss:- To Asa Merrill Constable for Boxford Greeting-

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby Required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants living in the Town of Boxford who are qualifyed as the Constitution directs to Vote in the Choice of a Representative and also all those legally Qualifyed by Law to Vote in Town Meetings to Meet at the Meeting House in the First Parish in said Town, on monday the tenth day of May next at two of the o Clock in the after-noon to Chuse Some Sutable Person to represent the Town in the Great and Generall Court to be Holden at the State House in Boston, on monday the twenty Sixth day of May next and also to act on the following articles (viz) 1st to Chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting — 2ly to see what Sum of money the Town Will Vote to raise for the Purpose of Supporting the Necessary Schools which must be Kept in Town agreable to Law -- 3ly: to see what Method the Town will take in order to apportion the Money which Shall be raised for the Purpose of Schooling 4ly- to See if the Town will Vote that two Fifth Parts of the Town Meetings in future Shall be holden at the Meeting House in the Second Parish in this Town — 5ly to see if Town will Chuse a Committe to take a Valuation of all the ratable Estate in said Town in order that the assessors may have a Guide to regulate their Proceedings in apportioning all Such Taxes as they Shall have to Make in future. hereof Fail not and Make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us the subscribers on or before sd day as you will answer your Default on the Pains and Penalty of the Law

Dated Boxford Aprill 27th 1790

Daniel Chapman
Lemuel Wood
Richard Foster
Moses Carlton
Stephen Peabody

Selectmen for Boxford

In Obedience to the within I have Notified the Town to Meet at time and Place :-

Boxford May 10th 1790 —

First Chose Dean John dorman Moderator of said Meeting

2d Voted to raise 40££ for the Purpose of Supporting the Necessary Schools which must be Kept in Town agreable to Law —

3d Voted the Money to be raised for the purpose of supporting the Necessary School which Must be Kept in Town Shall be Divided to Each School District according to their Intrest

4ly it was put Vote to See if the Second Parish in this Town Should have two fifth parts of the Town Meetings held in the Meeting House in said Parish - it past in the Negative

5ly it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Chuse a Committee to take a Valuation and it past in the negative

Essex ss. / To Nathaniel Perley Constable for Boxford

In the Name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to Notify and Warn all the Inhabitants in said Town who are qualifyed to Vote for a Representative and all other Inhabitants qualified as the law directs to Vote in Town Meetings) to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on Monday the fourth day of Octr next at two o Clock after noon to give in their Votes for a Representive to set in Congress of the United States and also act upon the following articles (viz)

Firstly to Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting

2ly To See what Sum of Money the Town will Vote to raise to pay the Charges of the Town the present year, and also to see what Sum of Money the Town will Vote to raise toward paying the Towns Debt—

Hereof Fail not but Make return of this Warrent to us the Subscribers as you will answer your default under the pains and penalty of the Law

Boxford Sepr. 15 1790

N B tis desired that all persons who have not given in Bills of their ratable property they were possessed on the first of May last are Desired to bring in their bills at this Meeting

Daniel Chapman
Lemuel Wood
Richard Foster
Stephen Peabody
} Selectmen for Boxford

Essex ss. in Obedience to the within warrent I have notifyed the within named Persons to meet at time and place within mentioned

Nathaniel Perley Constable

Boxford Octo 4 1790—

at a Town Meeting begun and held in the first Parish in Boxford on Monday 4th day of Octor. 1790

First Chose Daniel Chapman Moderator of said Meeting

2ly Voted to raise £100 to Defray the Town Charges the present year

3ly Voted to raise £400 to pay the Town Debt.

at a Meeting held in Boxford Octor. 4 1790

the following person was Voted for a Representative in Congress of the United States— (viz) the Honble Benja Goodhue Esqr. had 21 Votes

Daniel Chapman
Lemuel Wood
Richard Foster
Moses Carlton

Essex ss. To Asa Merrill Constable for Boxford: Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said Town qualifyed as the law directs to Vote in Town Meetings to assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Said Town on Monday the fifteenth day of this Instant November at two oClock in the afternoon on said day to act upon the following articles (viz) ——

firstly to Chuse a Moderator to Regulate Said Meeting—

2ly To See if the Town will Vote that the fourteen hundred Pounds Voted they last Town Meeting Shall not be assesed the present year

3ly To See if the Town will Vote to take some Method to ascertain the Town debt —

4ly To See what Sume of Money the Town will Vote to raise toward paying the Town Debt —

5ly To See if the Town will Vote to allow John Peel the Cost of two Executions against him

6ly to See if the Town will Vote to allow Nathan Low the Cost of an Execution upon Case No 2 —

7ly To See if the Town will Vote to abate what Sum Nathan Low was over Rated in the Average Case so called

Hereof fail not but Make return to us the Subscribers with your doings on this Warrant, as you will answer your default under the pains and penalty of the Law

Boxford Novr 4 1790

Daniel Chapman
Lemuel Wood
Richard Foster
Moses Carlton
Stephen Peabody

} Selectmen for Boxford

Essex ss: In Obedience to the within I have notifyed the Town to assemble at time and place agreeable to what is Specified in this Warrent

Boxford 15th Novr 1790

Asa Merrill Constable

at a Town Meeting begun and held in the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford the 15th day of Novr 1790

1ly Chose Daniel Chapman Moderator of Said Meeting

2ly Voted the fourteen Hundred Pounds that was Voted the last Town Meeting Shall not be assesed the present year.

3ly Voted there Should be a Committee Consisting of three to ascertain the Town Debt: then Chose Mr Daniel Chapman Richard Foster and Lemuel Wood to be the Committe for that purpose.

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the Second Tuesday of March next

Tuesday March the 8: 1791 the Town met according to Adjournment

And Adjourned to March the 14: 1791 then Met according to Adjournment

4ly Voted to Pass over the Articual for Raiseing Money to Pay the Town debt

5ly it was Put to See if the Town would Vote to allow John Baird a former Constable the Cost of two Executions against them it Pased in the Negetive

6ly it was Put to see if the Town would Vote to Allow Nathan Low the Cost of an Execution in tax so Past in the Negetive

7ly it was Put to See if the Town would Vote to Allow Nathan Low what he was over Rated in the Cveriage tax so Called and Past in the Negetive the Meeting was Desolved

To Nathaniel Perley Constable for Boxford Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required to Warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town, Quallified as the Law directs to Vote in Town Meetings to assemble and meete at the Meeting House in the First Parish Tuesday the Eighth day of March next at one oClock in the After Noon on Said Day to act upon the following articuals (viz)

First to Chuse a Moderator to Regulate Said Meeting —

2ly to Chuse Town officers as the Law directs the Present year

3ly to See if the Town will Vote to mend the Publick Roads and high ways the present year by a Rate and if So then

4ly To See what Sum of Money the Town will Vote to Raise for that purpose and to see what they will allow a man per day in working on the the Roads and high ways, and what for a pair of oxen and what for a Cart and what for a Plow per Day

5ly To See what Sum of money the Town will Vote for Schoolling the Present year agreable to Law

6ly To See what Sum of Money the Town will Vote to Raise towards Paying the Town debt

7ly To See if the Town will Vote that the Swine May go at Large the Present year being yoaked and Ringed according to Law —

8ly To See if the Town will chuse a Commity to devide the Town into School Districts agreable to Law

9ly To See if the Town will Vote that the Poor of the Town be provided for in the Same Manner the Ensuing year as they ware the Last year

10ly To Allow Bills of Charge —

Hereof fail not but make Return to us the Subscribers with your doings on this Warrant at time and place as you will Answer your default under the pains and pennalty of the Law / Boxford February the 22: 1791

Daniel Chapman
Lemuel Wood
Richard Foster
Moses Carlton
Stephen Peabody
} Select men for Boxford

Essex ss In obedience to the within Warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford that are Qualified to Vote in Town Meetings to Meete at Time and place
Boxford March the 7: 1791 Nathaniel Perley Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting began and held at the Meeting House in the First Parrish in Boxford March 7th 1791

Firstly Chose Capt Francis Perley Moderator — —

2ly Chose Dr John Dorman Town Clerk

3ly John Dorman, Capt Jeremy Hovey, Mr James Chute, Mr Parker Spafford, Mr Simeon Stiles — Select Men and Assessors

Mr Samuel Kimball, Mr Moses Kimball — Constables and Colectors

Mr Asa Peabody Treasurer

Messrs Jacob Gould the 3, Samuel Kimball, Jacob Andrews, Nathan Lows, John Herrick, Richard Foster, Joseph Hale Jur, Solomon Wood, Joseph Carlton, David Kimball Jr, John Tylar, Samuel Chadwick, Simeon Cole — Surveyors of high Ways

Mr David Kimball, Mr Joseph Hovey — Tything Men —

Messrs Stephen Peabody, Lit. Benjamin Perley, Luke Hovey — hog Reves

Mr Daniel Chapman, Capt Richard Peabody, Mr Broadstreet Tylar — Fence Vuers

3ly Voted to Mend the Highways and Publick Roads by a Rate the Present year

4ly Voted to Raise one hundred Pounds to Mend High ways and Publick Roads the Present year / Voted to Allow a man three Shillings per Day for a pair of oxen two Shillings per Day for a Cart 1/6 for a Plow 1/6 per Day for working on the High ways and Publick Roads

5ly Voted to Raise Forty Pounds for Supporting the Nessesary Schols in the Town the Present year

6ly Voted to Raise Five Hundred Pounds towards Paying the Town Debt

7ly Voted that Swine go at large the Present year beeing youked and Ringed as the Law directs

8ly Voted to devide the Town into School Destricks agreable to Law / Chose Majr Asa Perley Mr John Herrick Lieut Benjamin Perley Mr Broadstreet Tylar Mr Lemuel Wood Mr Asa Peabody Capt Jonathan Foster Commity for to Devide the Town as above Voted

9ly Voted That the Poor of the Town be Provided for the Same way they were the Last year

Mr Nathan Wood Sealler of Weights and Measures

Mr James Chute Sealer of Leather

Mr Nathaniel Perley Surveyor of Plank and timber and other Lumber.

Mr Lemuel Wood Surveyor of Plank timber and other Lumber

Mr Asa Peabody, Mr Joseph Hovey — Pound Keepers

Mr Jesse Perley, Mr John Tylar, Mr Benjamin Spafford — Field Drivers

42 Votes for the Hon John Dickson Esqr for County Treasurer

10ly Voted to allow Lieut Jonathan Wood four Pounds for serving Treasurer Two years

turn over

11 ly Voted to dismiss Mr Samuel Kimball from Serving Constable
12 ly and Chose Mr Asa Kimbal to Serve as Constable
13 ly Voted to Dissmis Mr Asa Kimball from Serving Constable then chose
mr Samuel Brown to Serve as Constable

The Meeting was desolved

March the 15: 1791 Mr James Chute took the oath of Assessor and the oath of Sealer of Leather Mr Jacob Gould the the oath of Surveyor of highways
March the 19 Simeon Stiles and John Dorman took the oath of Assessors
March the 21 Samuel Brown took the oath of Constable, and Nath.l Perley the oath of Surveyor of Plank and timber and other Lumber
April the 4: Moses Wood took the Oath of a Constable
April the 11 Capt Richard Peabody took Oath of Fence Viewer
April the 21: 1791 Mr Daniel Chapman took the Oath of Fence Viewer
May the 5: 1791 Capt Ivory Hovey and Mr Parker Spofford took the oath of Assessors
May the 12: 1791 Messers John Harich Nathan Lov: and Joseph Hail Jun.r Took the oath of Surveyors of High Ways
May 27 Mr Broadstreet took the oath of Fence Viewer
June 7: 1791 Mr Solomon Wood took the oath of Surveyor of High ways

Essex ss To Samuel Brown Constable for Boxford Greeting
In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to Worn the Freeholdiers and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Qualified as the Constitution Prescribes for Voting in the choise of Governour &c to Assemble at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on Monday the Fourth Day of April next at one o clock in the afternoon on said day to give in their Votes for the choise of Governor Lt Governour and Senators for the year ensuing
And also to act upon the following articals (viz.)
firstly to Chuse a Moderator to Regulate the Remainder of said Meeting
2 ly To Chuse a Constable for the North district in sd Town and other Town officers if the Town find it nessesary when met

hereof fail not But Make Return of this Warrant to us the Subscribers at time and place with your doings there on as you will answer your default at the Perril of the Law. Boxford March the 21: 1791

John Dorman
Ivory Hovey
James Chute
Simeon Stiles
Select Men for Boxford

[illegible] obedience to the Within Warrant I [illegible] the within named Persons to [illegible] at time and place
[illegible] 1791
Samuel Brown Constable

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the North Parish in Said Town on the day Afforesaid the Select Men Presided and Received Votes for the choise of Governour Lieut Governour and Sennators as follows (viz)

		Votes
Governour	his Excelancy John Hancock Esqr	26
Lt Governour	his Honour Samuel Adams Esqr	13

Senators

Honl Stephen Chote Esqr	14	Theophilus Bradbury Esqr	15
Honl Azor Orn Esqr	15	Daniel Thurstin Esqr	1
Honl Samuel Philips Esqr	14	John Manning Esqr	2
Honl Samuel Holton Esqr	15	Capt Peter Osgood Jur	3

1ly Chose Lt. Jonathan Wood Moderator to Regulate the Remainder of Sd Meeting

2ly Chose Moses Wood Constable for the North destrict in Said Town; and Mr. Moses Kimball chosen the other Meeting in March does not Serve

3ly Chose the Same Persons for Surveyors of high ways that ware Chosen at the Meeting in March for the Second Parish in Boxford and ware not then Notefyed to take the oath by Law prescribed to that office

Essex ss To Moses Wood Constable for Boxford Greeting

In the Name of the Common Welth of Massachusetts you are here by Requiered fourthwith to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford, Quallifyed as the Constitution directs to Vote for a Representitive and all others of Said Town Quallifyed to Vote in Town-Meetings to Assemble and meete at the Meeting House in the First Parish in Said Town on Thursday the twelfth day of May Instant at Three Oclock in the afternoon on Sd day then and there to give in their votes for Sum Sutable Person to Represent the Town in the Greate and General Court to be holden at the State House in Boston on Wensday the 25 Day of May Instant, and allso to act upon the following articals (viz)

Firstly To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate the Remainder of Said Meeting

2ly To See if the Town will Excep of the devision of the Town into School districts as lately devided by Majr. Asa Perley and others a Commity for that Purpose

3ly To See if the Town will Vote that two Fifths parts of all the Town Meetings Shall be held in the Second Parish in Said Town for the Futer

4ly To See if the Town will Raise a Sufficient Sum of money together with the Sum Raised the fourteenth of March Last for the Payment of the whole of the Notes and Bonds against the Town with the Intrest due on the Same and direct the mode of Assessment and Payment as the Town Shall think Proper when met

turn over

5ly To See if the Town will Vote to take a Valluation the Present year and if so then

6ly To See if the Town will Chuse a Commity for that Purpose

7ly To See if the Town will Chuse a Colector or Colectors to colect the Money mentiond in the fourth articale of this Warrant Provided he or they will Colect the Same without Cost or Charge to the Town Provided the Town Shall Raise the Money as in the articals above Exprest

Here of fail not But make Return of this Warrant to us the Subscribers with your doings here on at time and Place as you will answer your defalt at the Peril of the Law Boxford May the 5: 1791 —

John Dorman
Ivory Hovey
James Chute
Parker Spafford
Simeon Stiles
Selectmen for Boxford

Essex ss in obediance to the with in Warrant I have notified the with in named Persons to meet at time and Place, Boxford May 12th 1791 Moses Wood Constable

At a Legal Town meeting held at the Meeting-house in the first parish in Boxford, May 4th 1791 —

1ly Chose Major John Robinson Moderator —

2ly It was put to vote, to see if the Town would accept of the division of the town into School districts as lately Divided, and it passed in the Negative —

3ly It was put to see if two fifth parts of the town meetings be held in the second parish in said town, and it passed in the negative —

4ly Voted to pass over the fourth article in the warrent —

5ly It was put to see if the town would vote to take a Valuation the present year, and it past in the negative

6ly Voted to pass over the Seventh article in the warrent —

Essex ss To Samuel Brown Constable for Boxford Greeting

In the Name of the Common Welth of Massachusetts you are hereby Requiered fourthwith to notify and worn the Freeholdiers and Other Inhabitants liveing in the Town of Boxford that are Quallifyed according to Law to Vote in Town Meetings to Assemble and meet at the Meeting House in the First Parish in Said Town on Thirsday the 22 Day of September instant at Two OClock in the after Noon on Said Day to act on the following articuals (viz)

1ly To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate Said meeting

2ly to See howmuch money the Town will Vote to Raise for the Support of the Poor of Said Town, and other necessary Town Charges the Present year

3ly To See if the Town will Chuse a Commity to here the Proposels of the Widow Lydia Wood Concerning leaving the Estate of the Late Honl. Aaron Wood Esqr Decst which he bequeathed to the Town after her Marriage or Death & make Report to the Town for their acceptence

4ly To See if the Town will Vote to Devide the Town Schools into Six Destric if Voted then to Chuse a Commity for that Purpose.

5ly To See if Town will Vote that each Destrict Shall Receive their Part of the School Money According to the Number of Inhabatants in Each Destricts

6ly To See if the Town will Vote to Furnish the Destricts with Conveniant School Houses

7ly To See what Measuers the Town will take Respecting the Action Commenced against them by Capt Joseph Peabody of Salem

Hereof Fail not but make Return of this warrant with your doings there on to us the Subscribers at time and Place as you will answer your default at the Perril of the Law

Dated Boxford September 16: 1791

John Dorman
James Chute
Parker Spofford
Simeon Stiles
Select Men for Boxford

In Obedience to the with in Warrant I have Notifyed the with in named Persons to meete at time and Place,

Boxford September 22: 1791 Samuel Brown Constable for Boxford

At a Legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the First Parish in Said Town September 22: 1791

1ly Chose Capt Francis Perley Moderator — —

2ly Voted to Raise Ninety Pounds for the Support of the Poor, and other Necessary Town Charges the Present year

3ly it was put to see if the Town will Chuse a Commity to treete with the Widow Lydia Wood Respecting her leaving the Estate of the late Hon. Aaron Wood Esq., it Past in the affurmitive, Voted that the Commity consist of three, Chose Capt William Perley, Majr John Robinson and Mr Lemual Wood for the Commity —

4ly it was Put to see if the Town would Vote to Devide the Town School into Six Destricts, it Past in the affarmitive: Voted that a Commity for ~~Devide the Town~~ that Purpose Consist of Seven, Chose Dea. Stephen Symonds Mr Nathaniel Perley Mr David Kimball Mr Nathan Andrews Lieut Jonathan Wood Majr John Robinson Mr Parker Spafford for said Commity

5ly Voted to Pass over the Fifth Artical in the warrant

6ly it was Put to see if the Town would Vote to build School Houses for the several Destricts it Past in the Negetive

7ly Voted that the Town Treasurer Settle with Capt Joseph Peabody of Salem Respecting the action he has commenced against the Town in the best way he can for the benefit of the Town

8ly Voted to ajurn this Meeting to thursday the sixth day of october 4 oclock after Noon

october the 6 the Town Met according to ajurnment and Voted to ajurn till the next Town Meeting

Thursday November 10: 1791 The Town Met according to Adjournment and Voted to Adjourn to the Next March Meeting

March 27: 1792 the Town met according to Adjournment and Adjourned again to the First Monday in April next to three oclock after Noon

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To Benjmin Spafford Constable of the Town of Boxford

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notefy and warn the Inhabitants of Said town of Boxford of twentyone years of age and upwards having a Freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three pounds or any Estate to the Value of Sixty Pounds to meet at the Meeting House in the first Parish in S. town on monday the Second Day of April next at two O Clock in the afternoon ~~on~~ to give in their Votes for a Govenor Lieutenant Govenor Senators and Councillors agreeable to the Constitution of the said Commonwealth

Hereof fail not make return of this Warrant with your doings herein to us the Subscribers at time & place as you will answer your default at the Peril of the Law Given under our hands at Boxford this 25 Day of March 1792

John Dorman
James Chute
Parker Spofford
Simmeon Stiles } Selectmen of Boxford

In obedience to this warrant I have warned the within Named to meet at time and place Benj.a Spofford Constable
Boxford March 30th: 1792

At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the town of Boxford on the second Day of April 1792 for the purpos of giving in their Votes for the choice of Govener Lieutenant Govenor and Senators Votes for the following Persons were given in counted and sorted and Decleration thereof made as by Constitution is directed (viz)

Govenor } His Excelency John Hancock Esqr 15
Honour.ble Samuel Phillips Esqr 6

Lt. Govenor } His Honour Samuel Adams Esqr 13

For Senators and Counsellors Hon.bl Stephen Choate Esqr 15
Honour.ble Azor Orne Esqr 15 Theophilus Bradbury Esqr 15
Hon.ble Samuel Phillips Esqr 15 Daniel Thurston Esqr 14
Hon.ble Samuel Holten Esqr 15 Capt. Peter Osgood Jur 1

April 2d 1792 the town being met according to adjournment from the March Meeting the Committe Reported certain proposels made and signed by Mrs Lydea Wood relative to puting the Town in Posession of the Estate of the late Honou.ble Aaron Wood Esqr on the question being put whether the Town will accept the above proposals past in the negtive — —
for the acceptance of it 7 against it 9

Then the Meeting Was Dissolved

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(Seal) Essex ss.t To Benjamin Spofford Constable for Boxford

Greeting In the name of the Common Wealth of Massa-
-chusetts you are hereby required fourthwith to notify and
warn the inhabitants of the town of Boxford Quallified
as the Constitution Directs to Vote for a Representative
and all other in s.d Town Quallified to Vote in town meting
to Assembl and met at the Meeting House in the first Parish
in said town on Thirsday the third Day of May next at three
O clock in the afternoon on s.d Day to Give in their Votes for Some
Suitable Person to Represent s.d Town in the Great and
Genaral Cort to be Holden at the State house in Boston
on Wensday the Thirtyeth Day of May Next and allso to
act on the Following articals (viz)

1ly To Choose a Moderator to Regulate s.d Meeting

2ly To Choose a Town Clark and First Selectman in the
Room of Deac.r John Dorman lately Disceast

3ly To See if Town will Choose a Committe for the
purpos of taking a Valuation the Present year —

Here of failnot but make return of this warrant with
your doing hereon to us the Subscribers at time and Place
as you will answer your Default at the peril of the Law

Boxford April the 17: 1792 James Chute } Selectmen of
Parker Spofford } Boxford
Simeon Stiles

In obediance to the within Warrant I have Notified
and warned the within Named to meet at time and place
Boxford - April the 17: 1792

Benjamin Spofford Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting Held at the Meeting House in the First Parish in Boxford on May 3th: 1792. The Selectmen Presided

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Representative

1ly Chos Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator

2ly Chose Jonathan Wood Town Clark & Capt. Francis Perley first Select man and Assessor in room of Dean John Dorman Dissceast

3ly It was put to See if the town would take a Valuation the present year and it past in the Negative

Meeting Dissolved

The mark by which George Pearl's sheep are known is a notch under each ear and a slit in the top of the right.

Entered March 28, 1826.

The mark by which Simeon Pearl's sheep are known is a Swallows tail (so called) in the end of the right ear

Entered March 28, 1826.

Jeremiah Youngs mark for his stock is a Swallows tail in the end of the right ear and a happeny on the upper part of the same ear. Entered June 15th 1813.

Amos Kimballs mark for his sheep is, a swallows tail in the end, and a happenny the under side of the right ear. Entered Febry 15th 181[illegible]

Moses Porter's Mark for cattle and sheep is a swallows tail in the end of the right ear. Entered February 15th 1814.

Edmon Herricks Mark for his Sheep and other Cretuers is as follows (viz) a Slit in the end of the Left ear and a nock in the uper side of the same ear entred may the 3: 1791

Aaron Woods Mark for his Cattle and Other Creatures are as Followes (viz) two Slits in the uper side of the Near: entered Novr 27: 1773

John Smith's Mark for his Cattle and other Creatures are as Followes (viz) a Crop of the End of the Near Ear and a Slit under the Same Entered Novr 26: 1773

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Taken up by the subscriber on the 29th day of August running at large in the town of Boxford a light red mare supposed to be from ten to twelve years old with a small star in the forehead the owner to me is unknown.

Dated at Boxford this 30th day of August D 1838 John Sawyer

Received in office and recorded September 3d 1838

Samuel Kimball Clerk

Wee The Subscribers Being Impowerd by our Respective Towns Andover & Boxford to perambulate on the Line Betwixt the above sd. Towns and to Renew their Bounds we Have acordingly Meet this Twenty first Day of May Ad 1741: and have preformed the above Mentioned Service and in Witness there of we have hereunto Sett our hands the Day and Date above Written — — — —

Samuell Barker
Joseph Robinson
Christopher Carlton
Thomas peabody
Amos Kimball
John peabody Junr

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we Whose Names are Under written
Being alomile Choosen & appoynted by ye Select Men of Topsfield and Boxford to Renew ye Bounds Betweene Said Topsfield & Boxford from ye appletree in Capt pearleys field to a stake & heap of Stons att ye South Esterly Corner of Mr Bakers farm Now in Boxford and from thence to a Damm. Called Andrews Damm Near Mr Thomas Goulds House & from thence being ye place Where ye water Now runs Under sd Damm. thence Southerly to a stake & heap of Stons by ye fishing Brook. on ye Easterly Side of ye Rivilet Runing in to Said Brook & thence as ye Said Brook Runs in to ye River Called Ipswich River then up Said River to Middleton Line and agreably we have Meet on Aprill the: 26th 1742: & have Renewed the above sd. Bounds

Dan Clerk
Daniel Gould
Jacob Smith
John Andrews

Boxford November the. 29th 1742
We the Subscribers being appoynted to perambulate the Line betwixt ye Towns of Ipswich & Boxford Meet on ye Day above Said & perambulated Said Line & Renued ye bounds on sd Line By Marking Trees & Laying Stones in witness whareof we have Sett our Hands in ye year & Day afore Said ~ —

Daniel Heard } Committee for Ipswich
Thomas Adams
Nathanell Hart 3d

Thomas Andrews } Committee for Boxford
Thomas perley
Joseph Hale Jun

Boxford November: 29th 1742.
we the Subscribers being appointed by the Town of Rowley & the Town of Boxford to perambulate on the Line betweene the Said Towns Acordingly we Meet on Said Day & have preformed ye Servis Above Mentioned

Jeremiah perley
James Bayley
Nathanel perkins
John Bailey.

Whereas we the Subcribers Being Chosen by the Towns of Andover & Boxford towhich we Respectively Belong to Settle a Bounds in the Line Betwixt sd towns Near John Peabodys and to Preambulate and take a Platt of sd Line mett on ye Fifth Day of June Anno Dom: 1744 and Proceeded on Said Service and Settled sd bounds and plated part of sd line and on ye twenty second day of october in the year above said met and finished preambulating & platting sd line and the Bounds are as Followeth Begining at the south End of sd line a heap of Stones a bounds Betwixt Andover Boxford & midleton the first Bounds

2. a white oak & Stons
3. a white oak & Stons
4. a white oak & Stons
5. a white oak & Stons
6. a white oak & Stons
7. the Eight mile tree a white oak by Stileses field
8: over the fishing brook to a stake & Stones
9. a heap of Stones
10. a white oak & Stons
11. a white oak & Stones by maple meadow
12: a stump & Stones
13: a white oak & Stons by a pond Hole
14: a white oak by Deer meadow
15. a pine tree
16: a Stump & Stones
17: a white oak & Stons
18. a heap of Stones on a Grate ledge of Rocks.
19: a Stump & Stones
20: a Stump & Stones
21: a white oak & Stones
22 a heap of Stones by Joshua Fosters orchard

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23: A heap of Stones
24. a heap of stones
25: A heap of stones in ye Corner of Barkers field
26: a heap of stones
27: A walnut tree & Stones

28: Walnut tree on Robinsons hill
29. a stump & stones
30: a heap of stones
31. a Red oak & stones
32 a heap of stones
33: a Red oak & Stones
34 a heap of stones
35 A heap of stones
36 a stump & Stones
37 a stump & stones
38: a pine stump & stones

These are the bounds Between sd Towns and they are more Perticularly Desribed in a platt of sd line Taken at ye Same time and may Be produced by Each town when they pleas

Timothy Johnson
John Wood
James Stevens
Thos Redington
James Ingalls
Jonathan Foster
Comtt

Wee whose names are under written being appointed by the towns of Topsfield and Boxford to Renew bounds Between sd towns. Persuant to our Instructions we have preambulated and Renewed Bounds according to ye Resolve of ye General Court passed Anno Domi 1707:
Dated Boxford apl 23: 1745

Nath Perkins
Nathan Hood
Joshua Andrews
Willm Redington
Comtt

At a meeting of ye Selectmen and others appointed by Rowley and others a Comitte appointed By Boxford to preambulate and Renew Bounds Betwixt sd towns of Rowley & Boxford we have agreed and Confirmd all ye anciant bounds as witness our hands this 23 day of Decemr 1745.

Amos Parley
Jonathan Perkins
Nathl Myhill
John Pearl
Moses Pickard

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At a meeting of the select men of Ipswich [and] the selectmen of Boxford and have fully agreed and have Renewed & Confirmed all the ancient bounds Between the sd two Towns as witness our hands

Aron Potter
Mark Haskell
John Kimball
Joseph Symonds
John Denman
Asa Perley

At a meeting of Selectmen & who ye Selectmen appointed of Rowley and a Comte appointed by ye Select men of Boxford have fully agreed to Renew and Confirme all ye antiant bounds between ye sd Towns of Rowley & ye Town of Boxford as witness our hands this twenty third Day of ~~Dec~~ December A.D. 1745:

Nathaniel Mighill
Amos Perley
John Serl
Israel Perkins
Moses Pickard

Bradford June ye 15: 1747.
Wee the Subcribers Being Selectmen met with Mr Ebenezar Sherwin Francies Perley & Solomon Wood apointed by the Selectmen of Boxford and have Preambulated the line between Bradford afsd & Boxford & agreed to and Renewd all the former bounds Except one & that is Simons Stumps so Called -

Ebenezer Sherwin
Francis Perley
Solomon Wood

Joseph Kimball
Benj Gage
Selectmen of Bradford

[?] June ye 5th 1747:

Then we the Subscribers met to preambulate the Line Between ye towns of Andover & Boxford and we found & Renew'd all the Bounds Between said Towns as witness over hands:

James Stevens
Elias Smith
John Farnum jun.
Thos Redington
Henry Ingalls jur

We the Subscribers Being appointed a Comitte by the Towns of Topsfield and Boxford to Preambulate and Renew Bounds Between the sd Towns this day we have Meet and Renew'd sd bounds as followeth (viz: the Apletree in Asa Darleys field then at a stake and Heap of Stons at ye Southeasterly Corner of Bakers Farm in Boxford then where the water Runs through the Dam Call'd andrews Dam near Thomas Goulds House then at a stake and heap of Stons by the Fishing Brook on the Eastrly Side of ye Rivelet Runing into sd Brook then as the Brook now Runs into Ipswich River then up sd River to midleton Line: Dated this 19th day of may 1748:

Joseph Dorman
Jacob Smith
Thos Baker
Joshua Andrews

Benjamin Porters Mark for his Creaturs (viz) a Swallow Tail on the Right ear

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We the Subscribers being appointed a Comittee by the Towns of Boxford and Midleton to preambulate and Renew Bounds Betwixt the Towns of Boxford and Midleton aforesd according met and performed ye sd Service of Renewing ye Bounds: as witness our hands

Dated July ye 18: 1748.

Nathaniel Symonds
Samuel Symonds
Ebenezar Curtice
Ebenezer Killam
Joseph fuller

Andover Septr ye 18th 1750. Wee the Subscribers have this day bin upon ye Line Between Andover & Boxford and have Renewed all ye Bounds upon sd Line

James Stephens
Richard Kimball
Thos Chadwick
John Peabody Junr
Henery Ingalls

Comittee

Topsfield May ye 13th 1751
We ye Subscribers being appointed by ye Town of Topsfield & Boxford to perambulate & renew ye bounds betwixt each Town according to ye records of each Town, and have perambulated & renewed ye bounds according as ye Law directs
as witness our hands

Joseph Hale Junr
John Gould
Simon Gould
Aaron Kimball

71 May ye 30th 1751

We ye Subscribers met & perambulated & renewed ye bounds between Boxford and Middleton. We began at a bunch of maples at fourd Meadow so called, ending at a heap of Stones at a bla[ck] oak Stump which was formerly a ranging boun[d] between Andover & Boxford

Samuel Symonds Jur.
Zorobabel peabody
Humphry Hobbs

Jacob Cummings
John Peabody
Ebenezer Curtis

Laid out by us ye Subscribers a privet Way or Town Rode as followith beginning at a Cart Gate on ye Southwesterly Side of ye Brook Runing Southeasterly on Land of Ephraim Chadwick where ye path now Goes till it Comes to Land of John Chadwick Jur. then on sd. John Chadwick Land as ye path now Goes betwen his Dwelling House & Barn thence Easterly to ye Corner of the Stone Wall in sd. Chadwicks Feild Leaving sd. Wall on ye north-~~Easterly~~ Side of sd. Way Runing thence Easterly to an oak Tree Standing in ye Wall by ye Rode Formerly Laid out from Nathaniel peabodys to Boxford. Leaving sd. Tree on ye South Side of the Way now Laid out near ye meeting House in the Second parish in Boxford. Dated at Boxford February 4th A.D 1752

Joseph Hale
Jonathan Foster
Aaron Kimball
Jacob Commings

Select men of Boxford

We the Subscribers being appointed by ye Selectmen of Bradford and Boxford to preambulate the Line betwext our Sd Towns accordingly met Together & have preambulated ye Line betwext our Sd. Towns and Renued the ancient bounds as the Law Directs

Dated this 6th Day of July 1753

Joseph Kimball
Luke Hovey
Stephen Woodman
Richard Peırl

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We the Subscribers this Day have been upon the Line Betwext Andover and Boxford & have Renewed all the Bounds between sd Towns Except the 39th Bounds from Middleton which was a Heap of Stones which we Could not find —— —— ——

Dated at Andover June ye 4: 1753

Jeremiah Foster
John Farnum Junr
Richard Kimball
Henry Ingalls
John Peabody junr
Jonathan Poor

Andover December ye 13:—1753

Then we the Subscribers Have this Day Bin to Renew or make a Bound Betwen Andover and Boxford which was ye 39th Bound In the Plan from Middleton and by meashuring and points of Compas according as by sd Plan are Setforth we find Exactly to answer ye Same to make it on a Rock about two pole within Mr John Peabodys Stone wall at ye East Side of an old Cart path which we fully united in Renuing the Same —— ——

Peter Parker
Richard Kimball
Henry Ingalls
John Peabody junr
Samuel Barker ye 3d
Jeremiah Foster

We ye Subscribers have this Day preambulated ye Line & Renewed ye Bounds Betwext The Towns of Topsfield & Boxford which are as followeth Begining at an Apple Tree In Asa Perleys field from thence to a Stake & Stones at ye Southeasterly Corner of Backers farm So Calld Thence to whare ye water Runs through Andrews is Dam So Calld near Simon Goulds House Thence to a Stake and Stones by ye fishing Brook on ye Easterly Side of the Revilet Runing into sd Brook Then as ye Brook Runs Into Ipswich River then up said River to Middleton Line—

Topsfield may ye 27: 1754

Benja Towne
Jacob averell
Samuel Smith
} Selectmen for Topsfield

Joseph Hale junr
Thomas Perley
paul prichard
} Committee for Boxford

We the subscribers Being a Comtee Appointed by the Towns of Ipswich and Boxford to perambulate the Line between sd Towns met at ye Apple Tree & heap of Stones the Corner Bounds betw Ipswich Topsfield and Boxford and preambulated sd Line and Renewed the Bounds & marked Trees as formerly ——
Dated Ipswich Decr 16th 1754

Abner Hale
Retier Bacon
Comtee for Boxford

Samuel Rogers
Aaron potter
John Smith
Comtee for Ipswich

We The subscribers Being a Comtee Appointed by the Towns of Rowley and Boxford to perambulate the Line between sd Towns. met at a Stump formerly a white oak Tree. at Bradford Line which Is ye Corner Bounds and perambulated sd Line and Renewed ye Bounds and marked Trees as formerly ——
Dated Rowley Decr ye 16 : 1754

Comtee for Boxford
Nathaniel perkins
Paul prichard
Jonathan Wood

Comtee for Rowley
Nathaniel Mighiell
Thomas Lumbert
Stephen Mighiell

We being Sworn to Apprise a Sorrel Coloured mare about 5 years old & about 13 hands high A white Blaze In her face ye Left hind foot white Impound in the first parish in Boxford by Daniel perkins. we Judge ye sd mare to be worth four pound money —— ——
Boxford June ye 17 : 1756

Benjemin Rogers
Thomas Andrews

Entred on Record ye Day above written —— ——

Taken up & Impounded by me a mare Sorrel Colored ye near hind Leg & foot white a white Blaze in the face about 4 or 5 years old about 13 hands High She was taken up Damage feasant ye 14th of this Instant month
Daniel perkins
Boxford June ye 17 : 1756
Recived on Record June ye 30 : 1756

Taken up by me & Impounded in ye first parrish in Boxford (Damage feasant) two Large white Swine one a Sow with a Black Spot on her neck ye other a Barrow. above a year old Supposed
Boxford Sept ye 6 : 1756 ——
William Spafford
Recived on Record ye Day above Kitten

We the Subscribers being Chosen by Mr. William Spafford to Apprise ye Damage Done In sd. Spafford's field by the hogs Now Impounded by sd. Spafford Do Apprise ye Damaige to be one pound Six Shillings & Eight pence Lawful money —— As witnes our hands (Paul Prichard
Boxford Sept. ye 3: 1756 Thomas Andrews

Boxford Sept. ye 13: 1756 — Capt. Israel Herrick & Thomas Andrews were Sworne to ye faithful & Impershel Discharge of their trust (observing ye Directions in ye Law) In Seling two Large white Swine Lately Impounded in ye first parish In Boxford by William Spafford —— Sworn by me
Thomas Perley Town Clerk

We the Subscribers being Sworn to ye faithful & Impershall Discharge of our trust to ye Sale of two Large white Swine Lately Impounded in ye first parish in Boxford by William Spafford —— we have Caused ye Sale of sd. Swine to be publickly Notifyed & them Sold att a Vandue —— the sd. Swine Sold for —— —— —— £2=12=8
Boxford Sept. ye 15th: 1756 | for time Expended in being Sworn & Sale 0=06=0 | Israel Herrick
Thomas Andrews

William Spafford's Bill of Charge & Damage against Two Large white Swine Impounded by sd. Spafford on ye third Day of this Instant —

	£
to Damage —— ——	1=6=8
to Apprising the Damage —— ——	0=1=6
for pounding and posting —— ——	0=6=0
for turning ye Key & feeding ye Swine —— ——	0=8=0
Expencis at ye Vandue —— —— ——	0=1=4

Boxford Sept. ye 15: 1756 (William Spafford

The above Bills are Examined & allow'd

by me Thomas Perley Town Clerk

Wee the Subscribers Being Appointed a Comtee to preambulate ye Line between ye Towns of Andover & Boxford have Settled & Renued ye Bounds between the Towns Aforesd.

As witness our hand
Andover June ye 30/1756

Ebenezer Curtice
John Peabody junr
Thomas Andrews
} Boxford Comtee

Moody Bridges
William Frye
John Farnam junr
Henry Ingals
} Andover Comtee

We the Subscribers being a Comtee Appointed by the Towns of Topsfield and Boxford to preambulate ye Line betwen Said Towns met this fifteenth Day of Decr 1757 and preambulated sd Line and began at an appeltree with Stones about it in Asa Perley's field from thence to a Stake & heap of Stones at the Southerly Corner of Baker's farm (So Calld) thence to where the water Runs through the Dam near Symonds Goulds House (Calld Andrews Dam) thence to a Stake and heap of Stones by the fishing Brook thence as sd Brook runs to Ipswich River (So Calld) thence up sd River to Middleton Line

Aaron Wood
Asa Perley
Paul Prichard
} Comtee for Boxford

Elijah Porter
Abraham Hobs
} Comtee for Topsfield

We the Subscribers being a Comtee Appointed by the Towns of Ipswich & Boxford to preambulate the Line between the Towns met this fifteenth Day of December 1757 at the Apple Tree and Heap of Stones the Corner Bounds between Ipswich Topsfield & Boxford and preambulated sd Line and Renewed the Bounds & marked Trees from the Said Apple Tree to a Whiteoak Tree the Corner Bounds Between Ipswich Rowley & Boxford as Formerly —

Aaron Wood
Asa Perley
Paul Prichard

Jeremiah Perkins
David Low

We the Subscribers being Select men and appointed by The Selectmen of Boxford & Rowley being met this 15th Day of Decr. 1757 being the Day Appoind for Renewing the Bounds Beween sd. Towns & preambilat the Line & agreed to the Bounds as mentioned in a preambulation bearing Date may the 24th. 17

Isaac Adams
Joseph Hovey
Moses porter

Moses pickard
Samuel Northend
Humphry Hobson

We the Subscribers have meet this Day and preambulated on the Line Between Boxford & middleton and Renewed the Bounds according to Law

Boxford Decr. ye 19: 1757

John Stiles
Jacob Cummings

Joseph Hobbs
Francies peabody jur.

These may Certifie that I the Subscriber Being one of the Select-Men that Layd. out the highway or Road from Jonathan Eames to Midleton and in that place where the said Road passes from the Land of Ensn. Ebenezer Curtices Into ye. Land of Mr. Nathaniel Symonds where the Cart gates are Erected it was then and it is now my Judgment that the said Road was Concluded to pass below the Edge of ye. Hill in order to be Straight and Convenient and not as ye. said Road is Improved with a Crook

Wm. Foster

Boxford May 18 1756

This may Certifie that ye Cart Gate which Mr. Nathaniel Symonds hath hung between his Lands and Land of Ensn. Ebenezer Curtices does hang properly in the Road according to ye. intention of the Record made of ye way Leading from ye upper End of Boxford a long by Lieut Jere.m Foster Mr. John Styles: Mr. Nathaniel Symonds: & So to Midlton Line which was Layd out by us the Subscribers in the year 1753 who were Select men for the Town of Boxford that year —

Boxford May ye. 22/1756.

Namely — Jonathan Foster
Richard Kimball
Solomon Wood
John Peabody jur.

Boxford June ye 6 :: 1759

We ye Subscribers Being Appointed Committe By the Selectmen of Andover and Boxford to Perambulate and Renew Bounds between Sd Towns meet ye Day and year above said and have Renewed all the Bounds from middleton to Bradford.

Andover Comtte: Committe
James Frye
Henry Ingals
Peter Osgood

Boxford Committe
Amos Kimball
James Andrews
Oliver Foster

Taken up and Impounded by me a Black Horse With a Small White Star in his fourhead and a White Spot on his Nose a Natral Paser & Surpposed to be a boute Nine years of age and Impounded in the Scond Parish in Boxford By Abner Foster of Sd Boxford on April the 30th :: 1760 / the horse apprised att £ 6 :: 8 L money

Boxford Sept ye 24 :: 1760 this day we ye Subscribers having preambletulated on ye Line Between Boxford and middleton and Renewed the Bounds according to Law By order of ye Selectmen

Jacob Cummings
Stephen Gould
Boxford Committe

middleton Committe
Joseph Symonds
Samuel Berrey
Ezra Putnam

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Ipswich have this day met the Selectmen of ye town of Boxford and have Preambolated the Line and Renewe ye Bounds Between the said Towns as witness our hands

Januar ye 19 : 1761

Daniel Giddings
Isaac Smith
Selectmen of ye Town of Ipswich

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We the Subcribers Being a Committe appointed By town of Topsfield and Boxford to Perambelate the Line Between Said Towns this the 15 day of December 1760 have perambelated Said Line Begining att a apple tree with Stones a Bout itt in Lieut Asa perleys field from thence to a Stake and heap of Stones att ye Southerly Corner of Baker farm So Called thence to Where ye Water Runs through ye Dam near Simons Goulds house Called Andrews Damm thence to a Stake and heap of Stones By ye fishing Brook on ye Easterly Side of ye Renelate Running Into Sd Brook thence as Sd Brook Runs to Ipswich River so Called thence up said River to middleton Line.

Thomas Perley Retier Bacon Joseph Hale ye 3rd	Committe for Boxford	Simon Gould Zacheus Gould Joseph Gould	Committe for Topsfield

January ye 13th 1761.
Wee the Subscribers have this Day Perambelated the Line Between the Towns of Rowley and Boxford from a White oak Stump in Bradford Line to a White oak Tree Which is the Corner Bounds Between the Towns of Rowley Boxford and Ipswich and Renewed the Antient Bounds as Witness our hands

George Carleton Luke Honey Isaac Adams	Commite for Boxford	Humphry Hobson Daniel Spafford	Select men of Rowley

Feb. ye 17 1761
Wee the Subscribers have this day Perambulated the Line Between the Towns of Boxford and Bradford from a Pine Stump a Corner Bounds Between andover Boxford and Bradford to a White oak Stump Standing In Rowley Line and have Renewed the Antient Bounds as Witness our hands

Luke Honey Stephen Runnels	Committe for Boxford	David Walker Nathanll Parker	Committe for Bradford

May 25 Do 1761 took up a Black Horse of a boute 14 hands High Damage Feasent and Impounded him
His left Hind Foot has Some white aboute it the Horse is Judged to be
aboute seven years old said Horse was taken out of Pound the 28th
of the Same May and Apprised to be worth 6£ by Thos. Andrews and
Solomon Wood Said Horse was taken up by William Jelts

Entered on Record May 29: 1761

An ~~Amount of ye Cost &~~ Boxford August 8: 1761

This Day taken up Damage Feasent by me the Subscriber a Dark Bay Horse Colt Supposed to be two years Old a Natural pacer One white hind Foot And a Little Streake of white on his Nose And Impounded in the Pound in the First Parish in Sd. Boxford pr me — Solomon Wood

An Amount of ye Cost of Feeding And watering a Colt taken up Damage Feasent a Dark Bay horse Colt Supposed to be two years Old a Natural pacer one white hind Foot and a little Streake of white on his Nose Impounded in the Pound in the First Parish in Boxford by Solomon Wood on ye 8d of August 1761 — — 0:2:0

And turning the Key — 0:1:0

Thos. Andrews Pound Keeper —

For Going to Rowley to be Sworn Before Esqr. Hobson to Apprise Sd. Colt — 0:8:0

For Returning the warrent to Esqr. Hobson — 0:1:0

For Apprising Said Colt — 0:1:4

The Colt we Apprised at ye Sum of — 2:0:0

Boxford August ye 6: 1761 — Thos. Andrews, Asa Andrews

Clerks Fees — 0:0:6

Boxford October the 26: 1763

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Towns of Bradford and Boxford to perambulate and Renew the Bounds between said Towns have accordingly met and Renewed the Bounds as appears on Record in said Towns —

David Hall
Thos. Kimball
Luke Haney
Jonathan Shearsina

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee have mett and Renewed the Bounds between Boxford and Middleton and agreed thereunto according to Law —
Boxford October ye 18 1763 —
as Witness our Hands
Zero Peabody
William Peabody

Jacob Cummings
James Andrews —

We the Subscribers being a Committee appointed by the Towns of Topsfield and Boxford to perambulate the line between said Towns met this twenty Eighth day of November 1763 and perambulated said line and began at an appletree with Stones about it in Capt Cole Pealing Field from thence to a Stake and Stones at the Southerly Corner of Bakers Field from thence to where the Water Runs thro ye dam near Simons Farm so Called) thence to where the Water Runs thro ye dam near Simons Gould ~~Forge~~ Called Andrews ~~dam~~ drain thence to a Stake and heape of Stones by Fishing Brook on the Easterly of a Rivilet Running into sd Brook thence as said Brook Runs to Ipswich River (so called) thence up said River to Middleton Line —

Ebenezer Killum
Thomas Wood
Committee for Boxford

Joseph Andrews
Joseph Gould
Committee for Topsfield

Boxford December 1: 1763 —

We the Subscribers have this day perambulated the line and renewed bounds between Rowley and Boxford agreable to the Laws of the Province

Aaron Wood
Isaac Adams
Committee for Boxford

Daniel Spafford
John Thurston
Committee for Rowley

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We the Subscribers Appointed by the Select Men of Ipswich And Boxford to perambulate the line Between the Towns of Ipswich And Boxford Met on this 27th Day of Feb.^ry^ 1764 began at the Appletree the Corner bounds Between Ipswich And Boxford and from thence to a Stake and Stones from thence to a Stake and Stones and from thence to a Stake and Stones and from thence to a White Oake Tree the Corner Bounds Between Boxford and Rowley

Mihal Farley
Sam.^ll^ Lord jun.^r^
Asa Foster
John Hale

Boxford May 12th 1764

This day taken up by me the Subscriber Damage Feasent and Impounded in the first Parish in Boxford One Yearlen Steer of a Brindled Colour the Middle of his Tail a boute Six Inches of it white One white Spot on his Back and Some white under His Belley .... John Hale

May 12 1764:

we the Subscribers at the desire of John Hale Have apprised the Damages of a Yearlen Steer which he the Said Hale took up on Said day Damage Feasent in His Inclosure at £ 0: s 1: d 9 which Creature is a Brindled Colour the Middle of His Tail a boute Six Inches of it white one white Spot on His Back and Some white under his Belley —

Solomon Wood
Thomas Wood } Apprisers under oath

we the Subscribers being Appointed by Aaron Wood Esqr to apprise the afors.^d^ Creature under Oath have apprised the Same at £ 1: s 8: d 0

Solomon Wood
Thomas Wood

The Charges in proceeding with the above Creature —

	£	s	d
For taking up & procuring Apprisers to apprise the damages don by the Same			
to the Apprisers for their trouble	0	2	0
For Pounding the Creature	0	1	0
to the Pound Keeper for turning the Kee	0	2	0
For Releaving the Creature with Meet and Water	0	6	2
to John Hale for Nesesary Charges	0	1	0
For Swearing the Apprisers	0	2	0
for Entering the Creature and his marks	0	0	8

the above acct allowed by Aaron Wood Esqr

June 20: 1764

This day taken up by me the Subscriber damage Theasent in my Inclosure a dark Sorrill Mair with a litish Coullered Main and a white Blaze in her Face and Impounded in the Pound in the First Parish in Boxford Said Mair Suppose to be about Ten years Old --

John Peabody

We the Subscribers being Appointed and Sworn by Aaron Wood Esqr to apprise the above Said Mair and Damages

	£	s	d
the Damages we Apprised at	0	1	4
the Mair at	2	2	8

James Andrews
Nicoles Dodge

the Charges in taking up Said Mair and the further Legal procedure with her as the Law Directs in Such Cases —

	s	d
to taking up Said Mair	1	0
to the Pound Keeper for taking in and letting her out	0	2
to the Pound Keeper for Releiving Said Mair with Meat and water	0	10
to posting And Crying	0	9
to the Town Clerk for Entries	1	6
to the Justice for swearing the Apprisers	2	0
to Further Necessary Charges to John Peabody in his Procedure with Said Creature	2	0

Boxford September 28th 1821

Taken up by the subscriber on the 21st Inst. running astray and at large and impounded a red heifer two years old, with white spots on her head and her body, marked with the letter W. on her hip, the owner unknown. Thomas Perley Jr

Essex, ss. To Phineas Barnes, yeoman, and Humphry C. Perley, Cordwainer both of Boxford in said County, two judicious and disinterested persons — — — Greeting

Upon the application of Thomas Perley of said Boxford, Esqr requesting me to issue this Warrant, You are hereby appointed and directed upon Oath to appraise at the true value thereof in Money, according to your best judgement, a red heifer two years old, having white spots on her head and body and Marked with the letter W, on her hip and taken up by the said Thomas Perley running a stray and at large, who has entered and posted the same as the law directs. And you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon into the town Clerks Office of said Boxford within seven days from the date hereof. Given under my hand ~~at Boxford~~ and seal at said Boxford the twenty sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one. Moses Dorman, Justice of the peace

Essex, ss. October 29th 1821. The above named Phineas Barnes and Humphry C. Perley personally appeared and made oath, that they would faithfully appraise the Beast therein mentioned, according to their best Judgement, before me
Moses Dorman Just. of the Peace

Boxford October 29th 1821. Pursuant to the above warrant we have appraised the Heifer above mentioned at nine dollars.
Phineas Barnes
Humphry C. Perley.

19) At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in said Boxford Monday the 9th Day of Sept.r 1765 ——

1) Chose Dea.n Aaron Kimball Moderator of said Meeting

2) Voted to raise Eighty Pound to defray the Risen and arising Charges with the present year

3) The Town Voted to abate One half what those Persons was Sat at for their Money at Intrest in the Lists of Rates Committed to Solomon Wood & Benjamin Goodridge Constables the Last year - - - -

4) Mr. Tho.s Perley Made No Report Respecting the School and that Article was passed Over ——

5) The Town Chose Aaron Wood to Joyn with the Committee to Defend the Town against Nathaniel Symonds And Others ~~agreeable~~

6) The Town Voted to allow Mr Holyoke one pound Seventeen Shillings and four pence ——

Taken up Damage Fesant in Boxford by me the Subscriber and ~~Stray~~ Impounded in the Town Pound as a Stray a Red 20 Roan Mare about 5 or Six years Old has a White Star in her forehead both trotts and paces. Taken up ye 18th of Novr 1765.

Elisha Towne

Andover Sepr ye 19: 1765 we the Subscribers being Appointed a Committee have this day Met & Renewed All the Bounds between Andover & Boxford as is Sett fourth in plan Except the Thirtyninth Bound

Signed

Jos. Hovey Moses Porter Amos Kimball	Boxford Committee	Peter Osgood Peter Parker Henry Ingals	Andover Committee

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the Select men of Boxford & Bradford to preambulate the line between Towns pursuant to their Order have Met and Renewed the Severall bound between Sd Towns and Mutually agreed to them According to the Record Witness our Hands

Boxford Novr the 3d 1766

Thos Kimball
Richard Kimball Jun
Jos Hovey
Jonathan Wood
William Wood

We the Subscribers being a Committee Appointed by the Towns of Topsfield & Boxford to Perambulate the line between said Towns this 24th day of Novr 1766 and perambulated said line and began at a Maple Tree with Stones aboute it in Capt Asa Pealeys Field from thence to a Stake and a heap of Stones at the Southerley Corner of Mathews Farm so called thence to where the water Runs thro the dam near Mr Simons Goulds House called Andrews's dam thence to a Stake and heap of Stones by the Fishing Brook on the Westerly side of a Rivolet Running into said Brook thence as said Brook Runs to Ipswich River so called thence up said River to Middleton line

Joseph Hale Junr
Nathll Pealey
Committee for Boxford

John Gould
Joseph Gould
Committee for Topsfield

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The Marks of Creatures —

Aaron Woods Marks for his Creatures are 2 Cuts in the upper Side of the Near Ear - - - - - - - - - —

Thos. Wood Mark for his Creatures is one Cut in upon the upper Side of the Near Ear - - - - - - - - - - —

We the Subscribers appointed by the Select men of Boxford a Committee to perambulate the Line between Ipswich & Boxford this 26th day of February 1787 met at the Corner bound between the Bounds of Ipswich Boxford and Topsfield at the Apple Tree & Heap of Rocks and Preambulated said Line Renewed: the bounds as formerly

Asa Perley
Nathl. Perley
Committee appointed by the Select men of Boxford

Saml. Lord Jur.
Daniel Lummus
Committee appointed by the Selec'men of Ipswich

William Hale's Mark for his Creatures (viz) ½ a Crop on the under Side of the Right Ear & a Slit in the End of the left Ear

6 David Stickney's Mark for his Creatures (viz) a Slit in the End of the Right Ear and a Happeny in the Under Side of the Same Ear —

John Stiles's Mark for his Creatures (viz) a Happeny on the underside of the right Ear & ½ a crop on the underside of the left Ear

Nathaniel Smith Junr. the mark for his Sheep is a half penny on the underside of the right Ear, and a crop on the left Ear.

Deacon John Dorman has for the Mark of his Cattle and Sheep a Slit in the end of each Ear.

Deacon Stephen Symonds has for the Mark of his Cattle Sheep and Swine a Crop of the right Ear with a happeny on the underside the same and a half Crop on the under side the left Ear, — entred May 24 — 1788.

Henry Perleys Mark for his Creatures (viz) a happney the under Side of the Rite ear and a Notch cut in the under Side of the left Ear —

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at the desire of Mr. Benjamin Porter Junr. on the 22 day of May 1770 I went to Boxford to Measure the fence between his land (by Stiles Pond) and Ensn Gedion Tylers Land: they both met together on the Primises and Mr. Dudley Foster and My Self Measured the fence Challinged by the said Porter and allowed by the said ~~said~~ Tyler to be said Porters property and find it to be fifty one Rod and an half: and the fence Challenged by the said Tyler we find to be twenty six Rod which Contains the whole line between them on South Side of Porters Land: Excepting the Water fence at the said Pond which they judge must be two or three Rod which was not Measured it being not don nor Challenged by Either of the Parties —
and the fence on the North Side of said Porters land we Measured and Devided in Equal halves being twenty three Rod and a quarter each and the said Tyler Chose the East End and the said Porter the west End which fence on the same they both allowed to be each others property and agreed Each to Maintain the same accordingly to agreement —

Andover June 14 1770:

Henry Ingals
Dudley Foster

at the Request of John Smith of Boxford we the Subscribers have Divided fence between the said John Smith and Isaac Perkings which Division is as follows (viz) the said Isaacs fence at the South end 28: Rod and 6 feet the said John Smiths part of the fence from theme to Symonds Land 28 Rod and 6 feet and also the fence between the said John Smith and John Killam and the Division is as follows (viz) the said John Killams part of fence at the South end 31 Rod and 4 feet John Smiths part to the fence a Cross the end of their Land 31 Rod and ~~6~~ 4 feet —

Boxford July 8: 1771

Richard Peabody
Daniel Chapman } fence Viewers for Boxford

Capt. Joseph Symonds mark for his Sheep is, a cross off the right ear and a happenny under the same, and a slit in the end of the left ear. —

Benjamin Dodge's mark for his sheep is, a cross off the right ear, and a split in the same, and a hole through the left ear

Capt. Samuel Perley's mark for his cattle and sheep is, a hole through each ear.

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We the Subscribers Met this Second day of December A.D. 1766: and Perambulated the line and Renewed the Bounds between Boxford and Middleton in the following Manner (viz) beginning at the point of Rocks by Ipswich River and so on as the Raingeing Bounds are set between said Towns to the Corner Bound between Andover Boxford and Middleton which is a large heap of Stones — — —

James Andrews
James Curtis Junr
William Dilles
} appointed by the Sele + Men of Boxford

Joseph Hows
Thos Cave
Joseph Symonds
} appointed by the Select men of ~~Boxford~~ Middleton

Boxford Decem^r ye 15 1766

We the Subscribers being a Committee from the Towns of Rowley and Boxford to Perambulate the Line & Renew the Bounds between S^d Towns have met the day above s^d and have Renewed all the Bounds from Bradford to Ipswich and mutually agreed to the Severall Bounds Excepting a Bound lost on Jacob Hazzens Land — — — — —

Isaac Adams
Jon^a Foster
} Committee for Boxford

Daniel Spafford Jun
Jeremiah Jewett
Eliphelet Spafford
} Committee for Rowley —

Boscford Novr 30 1787

Taken up by me the Subscriber a Large Red Rone Horse with a Few white Hairs Interminst a lightish Coulered Main and tail and the Right hind foot White with Somthing of a Blaze in his Forehead No Artifical Markes: Suposed to be a boute Eight or Nine years old — Richard Kimball —

The Charges of Taking up said Horse and the Further Legal procedure with him as a Stray the trouble of taking up and keeping Said Horse 0 - 3 - 0

the Town Clerks Fees —	0 - 0 - 6
Justices Fees for the warrent and Swearing	0 - 1 - 6
the Apprisers - —	0 - 0 - 9
For posting the same — —	

Boscford Decr 11 1787 —

Taken up by me the Subscriber and Strayd a Darkish Brown Main: Supposed to be fourteen years old: the Near hind Foot White and Some white a boute the Near Fore Foot the Main hangs on Near Side of the Neck has a white Star in her Forehead the Right hip broken down: No Artifical Markes - - - - - - - -

Charges of taking up and keeping the Main --	0 - 1 - 6
to the Town Clerk —	0 - 0 - 6
Justices Fees —	0 - 1 - 6
Posting —	0 - 0 - 9
to the Apprisers	0 - 1 - 0

Boxford Sep.r 21: 1768

we the Subscribers being a Committee Appointed by the Select=Men met a Committee from Andover at the Piller of Stones a bound between Andover Boxford And Middleton and have Renewed all the Bounds betwen Said Andover And Boxford Excepting one

Jos.t Hovey
Richard Peabody
Amos Kimball
Committee for Boxford

Peter Osgood
Henry Ingalls
Will.m Chase
Committee for Andover

July 22 1769

This day taken up Damage Feasant by me the Subscriber a Red Roan Horse about three years old with a large Star in ~~in~~ his Forehead and Impounded in the Pound in the First Parish in Boxford per me ———

Solomon Gould —

we the Subscribers being appointed to apprise the above Mentioned Horse have attended that Service and apprised said Horse (being First Sworn) at

	£ : s : d
we the Subscribers ... apprised said Horse (being First Sworn) at	6 : 10 : 0
taking up said Horse	
to the Pound Keeper for taking in and letting out s.d Horse	0 - 00 - 2
to the Pound Keeper for Releiving said Horse with meat And Water	0 - 01 - 1
to Swearing the apprisers	0 - 02 - 0
For Posting	0 : 00 : 9
to the apprisers	0 02 - 0
to the Town Clerk	0 01 - 0

we the Subscribers being a Committee appointed by the Town of Topsfield & Boxford to Perambulate the Line between Said Towns this 23^d day of November 1769 & perambulated Said Line and begun at an Appletree with Stones about it in Capt. Asa Perleys Field from thence to a Stake and heap of Stones at the Southerly Corner of Mahers Farm so Called: thence to where ye watter runs thro the Dam near Simon Goulds House Called Andrews Dam thence to a Stake and heap of Stones by the Fishing Brook on the Easterly side of a Rivulet running into Said Brook thence as Said Brook Runs to Ipswich River so Called thence up said River to Middleton Line ——

Thomas Gould, Joseph Gould — Comittee for Topsfield

Thomas Perley, Joseph Hale jur — Committee for Boxford

Middleton December ye 28 1769

We the Subscribers as Committee appointed by the Towns of Boxford and Middleton have met ~~and~~ on Sd 28 day of December and perambulated and Renewed the Bounds Between Boxford & Middleton as the Law directs

Ebenezer Killiam, John Killam — Boxford Committee

Ephraim Fuller, Jonathan Knight — Middleton Committee

we the Subscribers Have this day Perambulated the Line between the Towns of Boxford and Renewed the Antient Bounds Decr 1769 ——

Moses Clark, Daniel Clark, Isaac Adams, Moses Porter, Nathl Perley — Select Men of Boxford

Moses Clark, Daniel Spofford, Isaac Adams, Moses Porter, Nathl Perley — Select Men of Boxford

We the Subscribers being a Committee Appointed by the Towns of Ipswich and Boxford to Preambulate the Line between the Towns Met at the Apple Tree and Heap of Stones the Corner Bound between Ipswich and Boxford and Perambulated Said Line and Renewed the Bound between Ipswich and And Boxford And Marked the Trees as Formerly

Thomas Perley } Asa Perley }   Michael Farley } Samuel Lord } Select Men of Boxford

Boxford Feb.ry 26 1770

we the Subscribers Having this day Perambulated the Line between the Towns of Bradford and Boxford and Renewed the Antient Bound.

March 5: 1770

Jesse Adams
Dan.ll Thurston
Moses Porter
Thomas Moss
} Select men of Bradford & Boxford

Boxford June y.e 7: 1770

Being ~~desired~~ Requested by M.r Benjamin Porter Jun.r to Divid the Fence between En.s Gedion Tyler And him Self on Stiles Hill: having notifyed the Parties as the law dircts. And Each party Met on this day And we divided the Fence as Follows: beginning at the Pond allowing two Rod into the Pond Fourty Rod to a Stake and Stones up the Hill which is Porters and fourty From Thence to M.r Kimballs Land is Tylers: of which Said Porter Claimes Twelve Rod and half of Stone wall which we Sallved at two Shillings per Rod by us — — — —

Nathan Wood
Asa Tyler
} Fence Viewers

Taken up by me the Subscriber a Dark brindled Steir of two years old & upwards with some white under his belley and some white on the End of his tail No artifical mark — Nathan Andrews

Decr. 14 1770 —

We the Subscribers being appointed and Sworn to Apprize the above Mentioned Creature have attended that Service and do adjudge the same to be worth one Pound fourteen Shillings and Eight pence
Nathaniel Smith
Jacob Andrews

Boxford Decr. 14 1770

Charges For travel to ~~tow~~
be Sworn and Apprizeing 1/0
to Each — 2/0
allowed to the said Nathan Andrews for taking the said Creature 1/6
to the Justice For Swearing the Apprizers — 1/6
to the Town Clerk — 1/0

Taken up by the subscriber on the 14th of August inst. running astray and at large, in the town of Boxford, a chesnut coloured horse supposed to be about six or eight years old with a star in his forehead greyish mane and tail, right hind foot white, galled on the right side of his back, and hind legs, with the letters P. M. on his shoes. The owner is to me unknown.

Dated at Boxford August 14, 1829

Edmund Barker

Boxford Octo.r 9 1771

Then I the subscriber took up damage Feasent a white Horse (Supposed to be twelve years Old: no Natural Marks: branded upon the left thy With the letter -R- and part of his Main Cutt off) And impounded said Horse in the Pound in the first Parish in Boxford: and proceeded with him according to the Directions of the law respecting Creatures taken up doing Damage: no owner appearing: have this day taken out said Horse from the Pound and proceeded with him According to the law respecting Strays —

Boxford Octo.r 12 1771 —

Asa Perley —

Charges —

	£	d
Trouble in taking up said Horse impounding him & further procedure	3	0
paid to the Pound-Keeper	3	0
paid to the Town Clerk	1	6
paid to the Justice	1	6
paid to the Apprisers	1	0
	10	0

Said Horse was Apprised by to be worth four Pound by Benjamin Perley and John Wells being under oath

We the Subscribers Committee from the Towns of Andover and Boxford to perambulate and Renew the bounds on the line between the afores.d Towns have met this day at the Corner bounds between the Towns of Andover and Boxford afore s.d and the Town of Middelton and renewed the bounds on the line between y.e Towns of Andover and Boxford afore said: beginning at the Corner bounds Between Towns of Andover Boxford & Middelton afores.d and so to the Corner bounds between the Towns of Andover Bradford and Boxford - - - - - - - - - -

Andover Oct.r 10 1771

John Farnum
Amos Kimball
Ebenezer Poor
John Chadwick
Henry Ingalls
Thos. Lehenan

Committee

We the Subscribers have Perambulated the line between the Town of Bradford & the Town of Boxford from Rowley line to Andover line and agreed to & Renewed the Several Bounds between the Said Towns agreeable to the Record

Thomas Kimball
John: Head
Select men for Bradford

Isaac Adams
Jonath. Foster
Select men for Boxford

Boxford October 29th 1772 —

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Towns of Topsfield and Boxford to perambulate the Line between Said Towns have on the 4th day of Decr. 1772 Perambulated Said line beginning at an Appel-Tree with Stones aboute it in Capt. Asa Perleys Feild thence to a Stake and heap of Stones at the Southerly Corner of Bakers Farm so called thence to where the water Runs through the dam near Simon Goulds House called Andrews Dam thence to Fishing Brook to a Stake and Stones the East Side of a Rivelet Running into Said Brook thence down Said Brook to Ipswich River so called thence up Said River to Middleton Line

Thomas Perley
Richard Peabody
Committee for Boxford

Eliezer Lake
Joseph Gould
Committee for Topsfield —

Boxford May 23 1778

Then I the Subscriber took up damage feasent a Red Roan Mare Coult Suposed to be three Years old with a White Streak in Her Forehead No Natural Mark Trotts and Paces and Impounded Said Creature in the Pound in the First Parish in Boxford And proceeded with Said Creature according to the Directions of the Law Respecting Creatures taken up Doing Damage: no owner appearing Have this day taken out of the Pound Said Creature and proceeded with the Same according to the Law Respecting Strays May 26 1778

Richard Peabody

this May Certify that we the Subscribers being appointed to Apprise a Red Roan Mare Coult Suposed to be three years old taken up by Capt. Richard Peabody have apprised the Same (being first Sworn) according to our best Skill and Judgment at £20.

Benjamin Perley
Daniel Chapman

Charge trouble in taking up Said Creature and Impounding her and further procedure	10	0
paid to the Pound Keeper for turning the Key and feeding &c	18	4
paid to the Town Clerk	1	6
Paid to the Justice	4	6
paid to the apprisers		
getting the Advertisement Write	1	
	1: 16: 10	

We the Subscribers Have this 28th day of Decr 1772
Perambulated the line betwixt the Towns of Rowley and
Boxford and have Renewed the antient Boundaries

Epheloth Spafford
Moses Chaplen
Benja Stickney } Committee for Rowley

Nathan Wood
Abraham Tyler } Committee for Boxford

We the Subscribers have met this 28th of Decr 1772 —
and have perambulated the line and Renewed the bounds
Betwixt Boxford and Middleton beginning at a heap of stones
which is a bound between Andover and Boxford and
Middleton and so all the Ranging bounds from there to
a heap of Stones by Ipswich River

Joseph Symonds
Amos Curtis } Selectmen of Middleton

William Perley
Benjamin Perley } Sel. Comte for Boxford

We the Subscribers being a Committee Appointed by ye Towns of
Ipswich and Boxford to perambulate the lines between the Towns
Met at the Apple Tree and heap of Stones the Corner bounds
between Ipswich Topsfield and Boxford: Perambulated said lines
Renewed the bounds between Ipswich and Boxford and Marked
the Trees as Formerly: January 14th 1773 —

Joseph Hale Junr
William Perley
Richard Peabody } Committee appointed by the Select=Men of Boxford

Elisha Brown
Samuel Lord } Committee appointed by the Select=Men of Ipswich

Boxford Octo.r 11 1773

I the Subscriber this day took up a Ram going at Large contrary to a law of this Province: the Natural Marks are Long Horns and the Coular all white — the Artificial Mark is a half penny cut out of the upper side of the left Ear - - — — — — —

Joseph Brown

Boxford Octo.r 11 1773—

This day I the Subscriber took up a Ram going at large contrary to a law of this Province the Natural Marks are Small Horns and a white Colour — the artificial Marks are a Swallows tail cut out of the End of each Ear------

Joseph Brown

Aandover Sep.r 13: 1774—

We the Subscribers being appointed Committee-men to perambulate and Renew the Bounds between Andover & Boxford from Middleton bounds to Bradfords Bounds: have this day accordingly perambulated and Renewed the Bounds—

Henry Ingalls
Isaac Adams
Saml.l Osgood Jr.
John Robinson
Samuel Johnson Jun
Benj.a Peeley —
} Committee

We the Subscribers Having this day Perambulated the line between the Towns of Bradford and Boxford and Renewed the antient Bounds Octr 30th 1775—

Richard Kimball
Benjamin Gage Jun.r
Isaac Adams
} Select Men of Bradford and Boxford

We the Subscribers the Select Men of Ipswich and Boxford met at the Appletree and heaps of Stones the Corner Bounds between Ipswich Topsfield and Boxford and perambulated the Lines and Renewed the Bounds between Ipswich and Boxford and Marked the White Oak Tree the Corner Bounds between Rowley & Boxford

Febr 4 1776—

John Baker
John Crocker
Charles Smith
} Select Men of Ipswich

Mathew Andrews
Moses Putnam
} Select Men of Boxford

Taken up by me the Subscriber two Sheep and two Lambs this day going at Large not being under the Hand of a Shepherd and Impounded them in the Pound in the First Parish in Boxford said Sheep are whole the Marks are half a Crop of the under Side of the Right Ear and half Crop of the upperside of the Left Ear One of the said Lambs is Black the Other white no artificial Mark — Boxford May 11 1776   Nathaniel Smith

May 15 1776 Lieut John Dorman and Asa Peabody was Sworn to apprise the above two Sheep and two Lambs and Returned the Apprisment in the following Manner (viz) One Sheep and one Lamb apprised at 13/4 and the Other Sheep and the other Lamb at 13/4 also the Cost of taking up and Impounding Said Creatures

to the Town Clerk and Justice for Entering their Marks Natural & artificial and Granting the Warrant and Swearing the apprisers	2/0
to Each of the Apprisers 1/0 —	2/0
to Releiving Sd Creatures with Suitable Meat and Water whilst in Pound	4/0
For taking up and Posting at 0/3 per head Each —	4

Andover & Boxford Octor 30 1777

We the Subscribers have this day Perambulated on the Line between Andover & Boxford and have renewed all the Bounds between Towns —

Amos Kimball
Henry Ingalls
Benjn Dorley
Benja Poor
Zebediah Lakeman
Samuel Farnum

} Committee for that purpose

Boxford
Novr 3d 1777

Then we the Committee of the aforesaid Town and Middleton met to Renew the Bounds between the aforesaid Towns — and began at the Corner Next to Andover and Near to Lieut. Amos Curtis — Said Bound is two Walnut Trees with a heap of Stones Near them from thence from Bound to Bound between said Towns till it comes to a bunch of Maples by the River with a heap of Stones Near to them which is the last Bound

Stephen Symonds
Asa Peabody
Wm Hale

Elisha Fuller
Amos Curtis

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the Town of Boxford to Join with a Committee Chosen by the Town of Rowley to Perambulate the line between Said Towns and Renew the Bounds and Make New Ones where Necessary accordingly we have attended that Service and began & proceeded in the Same as followeth (viz) Began at a Stump & Stones in a Stone Wall Said Stump and Stones is a bound between the Towns of Bradford Boxford and Rowley — From Thence we Run the Following Courses and Distances and and Renewed the Bounds -.

		Deg	Min		Rod	Links	
1 —	South	3	0	West —	11 —	0 —	to a White Oake Stump and Stones in a Stone wall
2	South	2	30	East	297 -	0 —	to a pine Stump & Stones on a pitch pine plain -
3	South	8	45	East	374	0	to a White Oake Tree Called Rogers Tree
4	South	80	0	East	76	12	to a Stake and Stones
5	South	83:	45	East	76	12	to a Walnut Tree. Marked B: R
6	South	88	30	East	86	10	to a Stake and Stones in a young Grove of Wood in Mr. Moses Pearleys Land - -
7	South	82:	30	East	84	8	to a Stake and Stones in said Pearleys Mowing Ground - -
8	South	73	30	East	85	5.	to a Stake and heap of Stones - -
9	South	80	0:	East	75 —	5	to a Stump and Stones by Elder Rimmers Medow and by a Small Run of Water —
10	South	69	30	East	89	13	to a White Oake Stump and Stones on ye Southeasterly Side of Elder Rimmers Medow, So Called —

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11	South	55	00	East	236	12	to a Red oake Tree Called the Three Sisters said line Runs in a Course that Strikes the Northeast Corner post of Nathl. Perkins Barn
12	South	44	0	East	144	17	To a Stake and Stones by Rowley Great Medow So Called
13	South	44	0	East	122	10	To a Stake and Stones on Tobacco-pipe Hill So Called
14	South	47	0	East	35	10	to a Pine Stump and Stones in Mr. Thos. Dresley Land
15	South	56	30	East	58	0	To a Stake and Stones on a Ridge of Land
16	South	51	30	East	47	0	To a Stake Stump and Stones
17	South	53	0	East	38	0	To a Stake Stump and Stones
18	South	56	0	East	30	0	to a Boxwood Tree in a Swamp Marked R B
19	South	58	25	East	61	0	To a White oake Tree Marked R. B. I. a bound Between Boxford Ipswich and Rowley

Rowley Novr. 2. 1774

John Peabody Junr. }
Stephen Mighill } Survr.

Daniel Spafford }
William Chandler } Rowley Committee

Isaac Adams }
Nathaniel Wood }
Nathl. Dresley } Boxford Committee

We the Subscribers being a Committee appointed by the Towns of Topsfeld and Boxford to perambulate the Line between said Towns the 2d day of Decr 1778 and perambulated said Line and begun at an Appletree with Stones about it in Major Asa Perleys Field from thence to a Stake and Stones at the Southerdly Corner of Bakers Farm so called thence to where the Water Runs through the Town Near Simon Goulds House called Andrews's Dam thence to a Stake and Stones by the Fishing Brook on the Easterly Side of A Rivilet Running into Sd Brook that Runs to Ipswich River so called thence up Sd River to Middleton Line

Simon Gould
Zacheus Gould
John Gould } Committee for Topsfeld

Benjamin Perley
Allen Perley } Committee for Boxford

we the Subscribers Select Men of Ipswich and Boxford met at the Apple Tree the Corner Bound between Ipswich Boxford and Topsfeld and Perambulated the line between Ipswich and Boxford from the said Tree - the Corner Bound between between Boxford and Rowley

Feby 17 1779

John Baker
Nathl Kimball } Select Men for Ipswich

Asa Perley
Benjn Perley } Select-men for Boxford

we the Subscribers have Perambulated the line between Rowley and Boxford and have found and Renewed all the Bounds Mentioned upon Record this 25 day of Feby 1779 —

Benjamin Perley
Asa Merrill } Selectmen of Boxford

William Todd
Timothy Jackman
Jonathan Chaplin } Select men of Rowley

Andover and Boxford Octr. 31. 1760.

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee from each of the above Towns to perambulate the Line and renew the bounds between our respective Towns, have this Day met at the Southeast Corner Bounds between sd Towns and have renewed the Bounds from thence on the Line to the Corner Bounds between Andover Boxford and Bradford

Henry Ingals } Committee
John Farnum Jr. } Andover

Asa Peabody } Committee
Nathan Andrews Jr. } Boxford

We the Subscribers, Committees appointed by the Selectmen of Ipswich & Boxford for the Purpose of preambulateing the Line and renewing the Bounds between said Towns, met at the Apple Tree the Corner Bounds between Ipswich, Boxford and Topsfield, and preambulated the Line ~~between~~ between Ipswich and Boxford from said apple Tree to a heap of Stones on a Nole, thence to a white Oak Tree the Corner Bounds between Boxford and Rowley.

January 10. 1782 —

Benjamin Perley } Committee appointed by the Selectmen of Boxford
Richard Peabody }

Daniel Noyes } Committee appointed by the Selectmen of Ipswich
Thomas Foster }

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Towns of Topsfield & and Boxford to preambulate the Line between said Towns have on the 18 Day of January 1782 preambulated said Line, Begining at an apple Tree with Stones about it, in Majr. Asa Perleys Field, thence Southerly to a Stake and heap of Stones at the Southardly corner of Bakers Farm so called, thence to where the Watter runs through the Dam near Simon Goulds House, called Andrews Dam thence to a Stake and Stones ~~near~~ the fishing Brook on the easterly side of a Rivulet runing into said Brook that runs to Ipswich River so called, thence up said River to Middleton Line

Simon Gould } Committee
Nathl. Gould } for Topsfield

James Andrews } Committee
Benjn. Perley } for Boxford

Rowley Novr. 7. 1783.

By appointment we the Subscribers have met in order to preambulate the Lines between the Towns of Rowley and Boxford and have effected the same, and have renewed the former Ancient Bounds

Thomas Mighill } Selectmen of
Daniel Spafford } Rowley

Nathan Wood } Selectmen of
Francis Perley }
Thomas Adams } Boxford

Boxford November. 26. 1783.

Came to the Barn of the Subscriber and by him taken up, A brown Horse eighteen Years of Age, paces and trots, has lost his Right Eye and is well shod

Nathaniel Perley

Andover & Boxford November 8th. 1784

We the Subscribers being a Committee appointed to preambulate the Line between our respective Towns have this Day proceeded on the Business assigned us and have renewed the Bounds and Marks on said Line agreeable to the directions of the Law in that case provided

Henry Ingalls } Committee
Francis Perley }
John Farnum Junr. } for Andover
Samuel Carlton Junr. } & Boxford

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We the Subscribers being appointed by the Towns of Topsfield and Boxford to preambulate the Line between said Towns on the 14th Day of February 1785 preambulated said Line begining at an Apple Tree with Stones about it in Majr. Asa Perleys Field, thence to a Stake and heap of Stones at the Southerly corner of Bakers Farm so called, thence to where the Water runs through the Dam near Mr. Simon Goulds House called Andrews Dam, thence to a Stake and Stones by the Fishing Brook on the Easterly side of a Rivulet runing into said Brook that runs to Ipswich River, thence up said River to Middleton Line

Nathan Andrews } Selectmen
Asa Peabody } of Boxford

Zacheus Gould Committee for Topsfield

We the Subscribers Committees appointed by the Selectmen of Ipswich and Boxford for the purpose of perambulatcing the Line and renewing the Bounds between said Towns, met at the Apple Tree the corner bounds between Ipswich and Boxford, from the said Apple Tree to a heap of Stones on a Nole, thence to a white Oak Tree the corner Bounds between Boxford and Rowley — February 21. 1785.

Asa Peabody } Committee
Solomon Perley } for Boxford

Jeremiah Stanford } Committee
William Conant } for Ipswich

Boxford November 7th 1785.

We the Subscribers being this Day met, have perambulated the Line between Boxford and Middleton, and renewed the Bounds

Jacob Cummings }
Francis Perley } Comtee for
Thomas Perley Jur. } Boxford

Asa Kenny }
Samuel Wilkins } Comtee for
David Fuller } Middleton

We the Subscribers Committees appointed by the Selectmen of Ipswich and Boxford for the purpose of perambulateing the Line and renewing the Bounds; and have perambulated the Line between Ipswich and Boxford, from the Apple Tree to a heap of Stones on a Nole, thence to a white Oak Tree the corner Bounds between Boxford and Rowly, which Bounds we have found and renewed.

Boxford December 15. 1787.

Amos Perley } Committee appointed by the Selectmen of Boxford
Asa Perley }

Willm Conant } Committee appointed by the Selectmen of Ipswich.
Thomas Foster }

Boxford November 18. 1788. This Day the Selectmen of the Towns of Rowley & Boxford met at the white Oak Tree which is a Bounds between Ipswich Rowley & Boxford in order to preambulate the Line and renew the Bounds between said Towns, and preformed the same as usual up to the Stump in the Wall, which is a Bound between Rowley Boxford & Bradford

Paul Jewett } Selectmen of Rowley
Moody Spafford }
Joseph Chapman }

Francis Perley } Selectmen of Boxford
Aaron Perley }

Timon Freeman & Flora his Wife came to Boxford to live the 8th of November 1788. and were taken in to Town by wee the Subscribers, they came last from Andover

Boxford Novr 19th 1788. Thomas & Saml Chadwick

Andover & Boxford Novr 8 1787

we the Subscribers have this day perambulated the Line between our Respective Towns (viz) Beginning at the Southeast Corner Bound of Sd Andover being a heap of Stones ~~out~~ between two Walnut Trees Marked thence proceeded on the line & Renewed the Bound from Station to Station untill we come to the Corner bound between Andover ~~and~~ Boxford & Bradford which is a Pine Tree with Stones about it

John Farnum } Select men of Andover
Joshua Williams }
Isaac Farnum }

Jeremiah Foster } Committee for Boxford
Thomas Adams }

43 Commonwealth of Massachusetts (No 1502)

Treasurers Office May 27. 1783.

Received of Mr. Nathan Low Collr of Boxford Forty four Pounds sixteen Shillings on Cont Tax No 1 In part for Tax committed to him to collect for the year 1782.

44. 16. Thomas Ivers Treasurer.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts (No 8504.)

Treasurers, Office, August 30. 1785.

Received of Nathan Low of Boxford, one hundred forty seven Pounds five Shillings and four Pence on Contl. Tax No 2. In part of Ditto Committed to him to collect for the year 1782.

£ 147: 5: 4 Thomas Ivers Treasurer.

Ipswich December 8. 1787.

Recd of Nathan Low Collectr for the Town of Boxford 1782 three hundred twenty one Pound eleven Shillings & 10/10 in full of an Execution in favour of the Treasr of this Commonwealth, Continental Tax No 1.

£ 321: 11: 10 Michael Farley Sheriff

Ipswich Jany 5: 1788.

Recd of Mr Nathan Low Collr for the Town of Boxford 1782 one hundred seventy nine Pound and seven Pence in full of an Execution in favour of the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, Continental Tax No 2.

£ 179: 0: 7. Cr on the Execution returned £ 43. 19: 8.

Michael Farley Sheriff

Boxford November 29. 1786.

Received of Nathan Low Constable two hundred and thirty two Pound fifteen Shillings and ten Pence it being in full of his collection of the Town Tax of one thousand seven hundred and eighty three

I say received per me

£ 232: 15: 10. William Perley Treasurer

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Boxford Aprill 14 1789
Taken up by Jacob Gould the third a Black Horse with a white Face and White Hind Feet and taken the Steps of the Law Expecting Money

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Taken up by Henry Perley Augst the first 1789 twelve old Sheep and nine Lambs and impounded the same in the first pound in the first Parish in Boxford the Natural Marks of twenty of them are Cheefly white their artifical Marks are a Swallows tail in the left Ear two Cuts in on the upper side of the Right Ear

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We the Subscribers met the 29th day of December 1789 and perembulated the Line and Renewed the bounds between the Towns of Topsfield and Boxford in the following Manner (viz) beginning at an Apple Tree with Stones about it in Majr. Asa Perleys Field theme to a Stake and heap of Stones at the Southerly Corner of Bakers Farm so called theme to where the water Runs Through the Dam Near Simon Goulds house called Andrews Dam Theme to a Stake and Stones by the Tipling brook on the Easterly side of a Rivelet Running into said Brook that Runs to Ipswich River so called theme up said River to Middleton Line

Richard Foster { Select men for Boxford

Jacob Kimball
Nathaniel Hammond } Select men for Topsfield

Boxford Decr. 2. 1790
We the Subscribers being this day met have perambulated the Line between Boxford and Middletown: and renewed the Bounds between said Towns

Simeon Fuller
Eli Curtis } Select men for Middleton

Daniel Chapman
Richard Foster } Select men for Boxford

Boxford June 9th 1791

We the Subscribers having this Day Met, and Perambulated the Line between Bradford and Boxford and renewed the Bounds between Said Towns, and they Stand as follows (viz) the First Bounds is a Pitch Pine tree a Bounds between Andover Bradford & Boxford, the Second Bounds, an old Stump with Stons by it near an Elm tree Marked B.B. the third Bounds is a White Oake Tree Standing in the wall corenring on Richard Hoveys and David Kimballs Land Moses Haggets Land, the fourth Bounds is a white Oake Stump Standing in the corner of the wall betwen David Kimballs and Jonathan Chadwicks Land, the Fifth is a Pile of Stons by the East Side of Little Pond. the Sixth bounds is a Pile of Stons by a Large Stone Standing in Lieut Samuel Runnels fence, the Seventh bounds betwen Sesions and Runnels So called, the Eight a Stump called watsons Stump Standing in the Wall betwen Sessions and Heirs of Abil Kimball. the Ninth a Stake and Stons near a Crooked white oak Stump, at the Corner of Picards Land & Thomas Morse and Joseph Kimballs Land, the tenth a heap of Stons by the wall on the East Side the Road betwen Samuel Carletons and the Brook, neer Runnel Fisters, the Eleventh a Stump and Stons a bounds between Rouley Bradford and Boxford Standing in the Stone Wall

Richard Walker
John Dorman
Asa Gage
Ivory Hovey
Parker Spafford
Jonathan Kimball

Select Men for Bradford and Boxford Committy man

We the Subscribers Committe appointed by the Selectmen of Boxford & Ipswich for the purpose of Perambulateing the Line and renuing the Bounds between S. Towns met at the Ash where the Apple tree formerly stood the Corner bounds betwen Ipswich Boxford & Topsfield Perambulated the line between Ipswich and Boxford from the S. ash tree to a Heap of Stones on a Hole thence to a white oak tree the Corner bounds Between Boxford Rowly and Ipswich Dated Novr 8: 1792

Francis Perley
Parker Spafford
Committe appointed by the Selectmen of Boxford

Nathll Heard
Willm Conant
Committe appointed by the Selectmen of Ipswich

The marks by which Daniel Mitchells sheep are known a crop off each ear and a happenny the underside of each ear
Entered Nov. 10th 1831.

The marks by which Benjamin Robinson jr. sheep are known are a crop off of the left ear and a slit in the end of the right ear
Entered Nov. 12th 1831

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Essex ss: To Moses Wood Constable for Boxford Greeting

In the Name of the Common Welth of Massachusetts you are here by Requiered forwith to Notify and worn the Free holders and other Inhabitants Living in the Town of Boxford that are Qualified as the Law directs to Vote in Town Meetings to Assemble and Meet at the Meating House in the First Parish in Boxford on Thursday the Tenth Day of November instant at two O Clock in the After Noon on said Day to act on the following articuals (viz)

1ly To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting

2ly to se if the Town will Vote to accept of the Report of the Commity that was Chosen to Devide the Town into School Destricts

3ly to se if the Town will Raise a Sutable Sum of Money to Bule Six School Houses if so then

4ly to Pass any other Vote Respecting the Same as the Town Shall think Proper when Met

5ly to se if the Town will Direct the Treasurer to Pay Mr David Kimball what was awarded him for a Road laid out throu his Land

6ly to se if the Town will accept of two thirds of Pue in the Meeting House in the First Parish in Boxford belonging to Mr Jacob Cummings upon such Conditions as he offers the said Pue to the Town, if accepted then to se what Method the Town will take to dispose of the Same

Here of fail not but make Return of this Warrant with your doings there on to us the Subscribers at time and Place as you will answer your default at the Perill of the Law

Dated Boxford November 4th: 1791

John Dorman }
James Chute } Select Men for Boxford
Simeon Stiles }

In obedience to this Warrant I have duly Notifyed & Worned the inhabitants of Boxford to Meet as in this Warrant prescribed

Boxford November 10: 1791 Moses Wood Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the First Parish in Boxford November 10: 1791

1ly Chose James Chute Moderator

2ly Voted to accept the Report of the Commity that was Chosen to devide the Town into School Destricts

3ly Voted to Raise a sufficent Sum of Money to build six school Houses in said Town

4ly it was put to see if the Town will Adjourn this Present Meeting it Past in the negative

5ly Voted that Each Destrict Build a sutable School House in the Destrict for the use of the Town with in the tarm of one year

6ly it was put to se if the Town would Vote to Raise seven hundred Dollars to build six School Houses it Past in the Negative

7ly Voted to Raise six hundred Dollars for the Purpose of building six School Houses one in Each Destrict Each Destrict to draw the Proportion of the six hundred Dollars according as Each House shall bee Aprised by a Commity Chosen for that Purpose

8ly Voted that the Treasurer Pay Mr David Kimball what was awarded him for a Road laid out throu his Land

9ly Voted to accept of two thirds of a Pue in the Meeting House in the First Parish in Boxford belonging to Mr Jacob Cummings upon those Conditions he offers said Pue to the Town

The folowing is the devesion of the Town of Boxford into Six School Districts by Dea^n Stephen Symonds Mr Nathaniel Perley Mr David Kimball Mr Nathan Andrews Liu^t Jonathan Wood Maj^r John Robinson, and Mr Parker Spofford a Commity Chosen for that Purpose by Said Town, Said Commity according to the direction of the Town by Numbring the Familes Devided as follows

The Familiesthat Constitute the Firstt Distrect

Mr Nathan Andrews
Nathan Andrews Junr
Asa Peabody
Dea^n John Dorman
Timothy Dorman
John Stiles
Samuel Peabody
Salomon Gould
Nathaniel Smith
Jacob Andrews
Stephen Gould
Jacob Gould Jn^r
Dea^n Stephen Symonds
Timothy Peabody
Ens^n John Killam
Liu^t Benjamin Perley
Isaac Smith
Jacob Gould 3rd
Wid Ruth Curtice
Samuel Gould
Capt Jacob Gould
Wid Anna Williams
James Russel
Cornelius Gould

The 2 Distrect

Edmond Herrick
John Giddens
Richard Foster
Simeon Stiles
Jacob Dwinnel
John Towns
Timothy Stiles
John Kimball
Jeremiah Foster
Samuel Kimball
David Kimball
Joshua Rea
William Rea
Benjamin Gould
Isaac Preston Durant
Nathaniel Herrick
Moses Peabody
Elisha Gould
Ens^n Joseph Symonds
Liu^t James Andrews
Gedion Bixby
Revd Elizer Holyoak
Wid Anna Hale
Asa Riggs
David Butman

The Families that Constitute the 3^d Distrect

Mr Nathan Wood
Moses Wood
Stephen Spofford
Liu^t Jonathan Wood
Solomon Wood
Wid Mehetable Wood
Wid Lydia Wood
Jonas Warran
Capt Richard Peabody
Daniel Gould
John Herrick
John Dresser
Liu^t Jedediah Stickney
Moses Perley
Nathan Perley
Capt William Perley
Capt Francis Perley
Benjamin Emerson
Moody Perley
Daniel Chapman
Wid Margret Wood

The 4 Distrect

Samuel Brown
Jacob Smith
Nathan Wood
Benjamin Wood
John Smith
Jesse Perley
Joshua Jackson
Nathan Lord
Maj^r Asa Perley
Joseph Hale
Mr Thomas Perley
Nathaniel Perley
Stephen Peabody
Thomas Butman
Joseph Holden
Benjamin Spofford
John Blasdal
John Butman
James Chute
Amos Perley
Henry Perley

The Famelies that Constitute the Fifth Destrict

Capt Isaac Adams
Enos Carleton
Joseph Carleton
Capt Jonathan Foster
Oliver Foster
Ephraim Foster
Reubin Gage
Jeremiah Herriman
Amos Kimball
Enoch Kimball
Nathan Kimball
Moses Kimball
Tylar Porter
Wid^w Mary Porter
John Palmer
Samuel Spofford
Parker Spofford
Amos Spofford
Daniel Swan
Ens^n Gidion Tylar
John Tylar
Abraham Tyler
Broadstreet Tyler
David Wood
Dea^n John Chadwick
Mr Moses Porter
Samuel Chadwick
Liu^t Moses Carleton
Moses Chadwick
Isaac Chadwick
Wid Sarah Kimball

The Families that Constitute the Sixth Distrect

Samuel Carleton
Samuel Carleton Jn^r
Samuel Cole
Obediah Carleton
Simeon Cole
David Coburn
Liu^t Richard Hood
Joseph Hovey
Capt Ivory Hovey
Wid Mehetable Hovey
Luke Hovey
Richard Hovey
John Hovey
David Kimball
Wid Elizabeth Kimball
Stephen Merrill
William Porter
William Parker
Richard Pearl
John Pearl
Liu^t Ebenezer Peabody
Daniel Peabody
Liu^t Samuel Runnells
Wid Hannah Runnals
Ens^n Enos Runnals
John Robinson Esqr
Josiah Sessions
Heirs David Wood
Lemuel Wood
Joseph Wood
John Buckmaster
Thomas Chadwick

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Essex ss To Samuel Brown Constable for Boxford Greeting

In the Name of the Common Welth of Massachusetts, you are here-by Required forwithwith to ~~Notify~~ and worn the freeholding Inhabitants Living in the Town of Boxford that are Quallifyed accoarding to Law to Vote in Town Meetings, to Assemble and meete at the meeting Meeting House in the First Parish in Boxford, on Thursday the 22 Day of December Instant at two OClock in the after Noon on said Day to act on the following Articals (viz)

1ly To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting

2 ly to See if the Town will Pass a Vote not to Assess the Six hundred Dollars that was Voted the last Town Meeting, the Present year, agreeable to a Petetion from a number of the Inhabitants of said Town

3ly to see if The Town will Vote to Set of Mr John Herrick and Mr Daniel Gould from the third School District to the Second School District in said Town

4ly to See if the Town will Vote that the Select Men Shall Make a mediat Sale of two thirds of a Pue in the Meeting House in the First Parish in Said Town that Mr Jacob Cummings gave the Town upon conditions they would pay five Dollars for him - - - - - - -

here of fail not but make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us the Subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the Perrill of the Law - - -

Dated at Boxford December the 8: 1791

John Dorman
James Chute
Simeon Stiles
} Select Men for Boxford

In obediance to the within Warrant I have Notified the within Named Persons to meete at time and place, December the 22: 1791 Samuel Brown Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the First Parish in Boxford December 22: 1791 -

1ly Chose Mr James Chute Moderator

2ly Voted that the Six Hundred Dollars Voted the last Town Meeting Shall not be Assessed the Present year

3ly it was put to see if the Town would Vote to Set of Mr John Herrick and Mr Daniel Gould from the Third School District to the Second School District in said Town it Past in the negative

4ly Voted that the Select Men make emediate Sale of the Two thirds of the Pue in the Meeting House in the First Parish in said Town that belonged to Mr Jacob Cummings which he gave to the Town upon conditions the Town would pay five Dollars for him

Know all Men by these Presents that I Anna Hale of Boxford Administratrix to the Estate of Doctor William Hale Late of Boxford Deceast & in the Common Wealth of Massachusetts for and in Consideration of the Sum of Nine Pounds to me in hand Paid by John Dorman Simeon Stiles & James Chute as Select Men of Boxford and Common Wealth aforesaid Do by these Presents Give Grant Bargain and Confirm to and upon the s^d John Dorman Simeon Stiles & James Chute and to their Successours in their Office as Selectmen two thirds of a Pew in the Meeting House in the First Parish in Boxford aforesaid it Being the First Floor Pew by the Broad Alley on the left hand Going in at the fore door, And I the s^d Anna Hale do Bind myself to Defend ~~the~~ the abovesaid two thirds of a Pew to John Dorman Simeon Stiles & James Chute & Their Successors in office as Select Men in Quiet and Peaceble Possession from al Lawful Claimes of all Persons whatsoever so long as the abovesaid Meeting House Shall Stand. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this First Day of January A D one Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety two

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in Presents of
Benjamin Spofford
Elizabeth Hale

Anna Hale (Seal)

March the 17:1792 Benjamin Spofford appeared and took the Oath of a Constable before Me — John Dorman Town Clerk

March the 17:1792 Edmond Herrick took the oath of Surveyor of High Ways

March the 19: Mr Nathan Wood took the oath of Sealer of Weights and Measures & of Surveyor of Plank & timber and other Lumber

Liu^t Jonathan Wood took the Oath of Surveyor of High Ways

James Chute took the oath of Assessor, and of Surveyor of High ways

Jesse Perley took the oath of Surveyor of High Ways

May the 3:1792 Capt Francis Perly Capt Ivory Hovey James Chute Parker Spofford and Simeon Stiles appeared and took the oath of Assessors before me — Jonathan Wood Town Clark

Mr Nathaniel Perly took the oath of a Hogreave

May 17: Asa Peabody took the oaths of Surveyor of high ways Pound keeper and Field driver

Liu^t Jedadiah Stickney took the oath of Tything man

June 7 1792 James Chute & Daniel Gould took took the oath of fence vewers

June 16:1792 Joseph Carlton took the oath of Surveyer of high ways

June 20:1792 Lt Ebinezer Peabody apeard and took the oath of Constable

To Moses Wood Constable for Boxford Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Requiered to worn all the Freeholdiers and Others Inhabitants of s^d Town Quallified as the Law Directs to Vote in Town Meetings, to Assemble and meet at the Meeting House in the First Parish on Tuesday the Thirteenth Day of March instant at one oClock in the Afternoon to act upon the following Articuals, (Viz.)

first To Choose a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting

2ly to Choose Town officers as the Law Directs the Present year

3ly to See if the Town will Vote to Mend the Publick Roads and High ways the present year by a Rate, and if So then,

4ly to See what Sum of Money the Town will Vote to Raise for that purpose and to See what they will Allow a man per Day in working on the Roads and Highways, and what for a Pair of Oxen and what for a Cart and what for a Plough per Day

5ly to see what Sum of Money the Town Vote for Schooling the present year Agreeable to Law

6ly to See what Sum of Money the Town will Vote to Raise towards Paying the Town Debt

7ly to See if the Town will Vote that the Swine May go at Large the Present year beeing yoaked and Ringed according to Law

8ly to See if the Town will Vote to Reduce the Six School Districts in the Town to Five as they formerly ware if So, then, to Choose a

9ly Commitee for that purpose

10ly to See if the Town will Vote to give liberty for the Schollars in this Town to attend the School at any place in Said Town where the School May be

11ly to See if the Town will Choose a Commitee to Call on Mr Nathan Wood to See if Mr Wood can give any Reason why he Should not pay the Town the Sum of Money which the Town paid Mr John Willit to take up Mr Woods Note

12ly to See if the Town will Vote that the Poor of the Town bee Provided for in the Same manner the Ensuing year as they ware the Last year

13ly to See if the Town will Accept of the Regulation of the Juror Boxes as Renewed the Present year

14ly to allow Bills of Charge

hereof Fail not but make Return to us the Subscribers of your doings on this Warrant at time and place as you will answer your default at the Perrills of the Law

Boxford March 7th: 1792

John Dorman } Select Men for Boxford
James Chute
Simeon Stiles

Boxford March 13th: 1792

In Obedience to this Warrant I have Notifyed and warned all the inhabitants as herein Directed, Moses Wood Constable

At A Legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the First Parish in Boxford March 13: 1792. Voted to accept of the Regulation of the Juror Boxes as Renewed the Present year
Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator to Regulate sd Meeting
Chose Den John Dorman Town Clark.

Den John Dorman
Capt Ivory Hovey
James Chute
Parker Spofford
Simeon Stiles
} Select Men and Assessors

Benjamin Spofford
Lint Ebenezer Peabody
} Constables

Mr Asa Peabody Treasurer

Richard Foster
Lint Jedidiah Stickney
John Hovey
Tyler Porter
} Tything Men

Samuel Gould
Edmond Herrick
David Kimball
Asa Peabody
Daniel Gould
James Chute
Lint Jonathan Wood
Joseph Carleton
Amos Kimball
David Coburn
Ens Enos Runnels
Isaac Chadwick
} Survayors of High Ways

Thomas Dresser
Nathll Perley
Lint Samuel Runnels
John Hovey
} Hog Reves

Daniel Chapman
Daniel Gould
Moses Kimball
} Fence Veiwers

Mr Nathan Wood Sealer of Weights and Measures

John Dorman Jut Sealer of Lather

Mr Nathan Wood
Den Stephen Symonds
Lint Samuel Runnels
} Survayors of Plank and timber and other Lumber

Asa Peabody
Moses Porter
} Pound Keepers

Asa Peabody } Field Driver

Hon Stephen Chute Esqr had fifteen Votes for County Treasurer

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting one fortni-ght to Tuesday 27th of March Instant to one o'Clock P: M

March 27 the Town met according to Adjournment and Proceded as follows

Chose Capt Richard Peabody
Ens Joseph Symonds
Samuel Kimball
} Hog Reves

Voted to excuse Mr Daniel Chapman from Sarving Fence Veiwer, and Chose James Chute to Sarve as Fence Viewer
Voted to mend the High Ways by a Rate the Present year
Voted to Raise one hundred Pounds to Mend the High ways and Town ways the Present year
Voted to allow a man three Shillings per Day in working out his Rates on the High ways, and for a Pair of oxen 2/0 per Day. for a Cart 1/4 and for a Plough 2/0 per Day
Voted to Raise Sixty Pounds for Support-ing the School in the Town agreable to Law, the Remainder of the Meeting is Recorded on the Next leaf

Voted to Raise Six Hundred Pounds towards Paying the Town Debt the present year
Voted that the Swine may go at Large the Present year being yoaked and Ringed as the Law directs
Voted to pass over the Eighth articual in the Warrant
Voted that the Schollers in this Town may attend the School at any place in said Town where the School may bee
Voted to Choose a Committee to Call on Mr. Nathan Wood to see if Mr Wood can give any Reason why he Should not pay the Town the Sum which the Town paid Mr John Willet to take up Mr Woods Note
Voted that the Committee Consist of Five, Chose Mr Lemuel Wood Capt Richard Peabody Lieut Moses Carleton Mr Daniel Chapman Mr Nathan Andrews Committee for the above purpose
Voted that the Poor of the Town be Provided for in the Same manner the ensuing year as they ware the last year
Voted to allow Mr Nathan Low twenty Shillings for 200 Feet of Plank for the Bridge below his Saw Mill
Voted to Desolve this Meeting

Seal Essex ss To Ebinezar Peabody one of the Constables of the Town of Boxford Greeting —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the male inhabitants of said town Qualified as the Law directs to vote for the choice of Representative in the General Court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the meting house in the first Parish in said town on Friday the Second day of November next at two oClock in the after noon to giv in their vots for Representatives to Congress and also to Choose Electors of President and vice President Likewise all Persons qualified as the Law directs to vote in common town meeting to assemble on said day to the aforementioned time and place to act upon the following articls (viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
2d To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise in order to defray town charges the presenth year
3d To see if the town will vote to have the several Sums of money raised at the last annual march meeting together with what will hereafter be raised assessed in one assesment Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings herein to the Subscribers at time and place above mentioned as you will answer your default under the Penalties of the Law in that behalf made & provided

Dated Boxford 11th Octor 1792

Francis Perley
Ivory Hovey
James Chute
Porter Shafford
Simeon Stiles

Selectmen of Boxford

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Agreable to this Warrant I have Notified and warned the town as the Law requiars -- -- ---.

Ebenezre Peabody Constable

At a Legal Town meeting held in the meting house in the first Parish in Boxford November 2d: 1792 For the purpos of giving in their votes for the choice of Representatives to Congress votes for the following persons ware given in counted and Sorted Declaration made as follows (viz)

For Suffolk Honbl Fisher Ames 16

For Essix Honbl Benjamin Goodhue 16

For Middlesex Honbl Elbridg Gary ---16

For the first Destrict Theofilus Parsons Esqr 11

For the first Destrict Theofilus Bradbury Esqr 5

For Destricts No 1. 2 & 3 Honbl David Cobb -- 16

Votes for Electors are as follows (viz)

Samuel Holten Esqr - 11

Azor Orn Esqr -11

Charls Jarvis Esqr - 11

John Coffin Jones Esqr 11

Richard Ward Esqr - 11

1ly Chose Stephen Peabody Moderator to Govern s:d meting

2ly Voted to raise one hundred pound to defray the arising Charges of the town the present year ---

3ly Voted that the Several Sums of money that have been raised since the Last Anual march meeting be Assessed in one Assesment

Meeting Dissolved

Seal Essex ss to Ebinezer Peabody Constable For Boxford
Greeting in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
your are hereby ordered forthwith to warn all the inhabitants of
said town that quallified to vote in town meetings to assemble at
the meting house in the first parish in said town on tewsday the
Fourth day of Deember next at one of the Clock in the after noon
on said day to act upon the following articals (viz)
1ly To Choose a moderator to Regulate sd meeting
2ly to See if the town will Chose a Committe to take the Care of the
inrest that the Hon.ol Aaron Wood Esqr late of Boxford Deceasd
Begeathed to the town and take any measurs that the town may
think proper relative there to when Convened
3ly to See if the town will Choose a Committe of disintrested Carpenders
to apprise the Several School housen that ware before or have been
built the present year in sd town
4ly to see if the town will vote to have the six hundred dollars assessed
which was voted at a former meeting to build six School Housen in sd town
5ly to See if the town will vote to direct the Select men to give orders on
the Treasurer to pay to those persons that may be appointed by each
destrict to receive the money Each house may be aprised at by sd Committe
6ly to See if the town will vote a further time to those destricts who have
delayd to build School houses in their Several destricts
Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon
to us the Subscribers at time and place as you will answer your
default at the peril of the law

Francis Perley
Ivory Hovey
Perker Spafford
Simeon Stiles
Select men for Boxford

Boxford Novemr 23:1792

Pursuant to the within warant I have Notified the
Inhabitants of said town Qualiffyed as there in Exppressed to
met at time and place and for the purpose theire mentioned
Ebinezre Peabody Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting begun and held at the Meeting
house in the first parish in Boxford Decem^r 4:1792

1ly Chose Thomas Perley Jur Esqr Moderator

2ly Voted to Choose a committe to take care of the intrest that
the Late Hon^bl Aaron Wood Esqr bequeathed to the town in
his last will and testament the committe to continue in office till the next anual
march meeting
Chose Thomas Perley Jur Esqr John Robinson Esqr and
Capt Francis Perly a Committe for the a bove purpose

3ly Voted that the a bove committe be directed to Lease out the farm
lately fell to the Town by the Last Will and testament of the
Hon^bl Aaron Wood Esqr Diseast till next march

4ly Voted that this meeting be Disolved

Essex ss [Seal] To Benjamin Spofford one of the Constables of the town
of Boxford Greeting in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
You are hereby ordered forth with to warn all the inhabitants
belonging to said town that are quallified to vote in town meeting
to assemble at the meeting house in the first parish in of said town
on tuesday the twenty fifth day of December instant at one of the Clock
in the after noon on said day to act on the following articals (viz)

1ly To Choose a moderator to Regulate said meting

2ly to see if the town will choose a Committe of disintrested men to view
Judge and determin on a suteble spot of ground in each destrict
in said town where they have not nor cannot agree themselves
to build a school house for the use of the town where it shall bee
most advantagous and lest expence to the town

3ly to see if the town will vote a further time to those destricts who
have delayd to build schoolhousen in there several destricts

4ly To see if the town will vote to Choose a Committe of Disintrested Carpenders
to set a value on each School house built or that may be built in each destrict
for the use of the town if built with in the time allowed by the town allso to
pass any other votes the town may think proper relative there to said houses
when met

5ly to see if the town will vote to reduce the six School Destricts to the Number
of five as they formerly ware for the advantage of learning in said town

6ly to see if the town will Choose a Committe to procure Some Suitable place
for each School house to Stand on as near the Senter of each destrict as shall
be most Conveniant and that the Committe lay their proceedings before
the town for their acceptance

remainder of this warrant recorded on the next leaf

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to us the subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the peril of the Law

Boxford December 17:1792

Francis Perley
Ivory Hovey
Jarles Chute
Parker Spofford
Simeon Stiles

Select men for Boxford

In obediance to this warrant I have Notified and warned the within Names to meet at time and Place Boxford December 18:1792
Benjamin Spofford Constable

At a Leal town meeting held at the meeting house in the first Parish in Boxford December 25:1792

Chose Thomas Perley Jun Esqr Moderator for s^d meeting

Voted to pass over the second artical in the warrant for Calling this meeting

Voted to pass over the third artical in the warrant for Calling this meeting

Voted to pass over the fourth artical in the warrant for Calling this meeting

Voted to reduce the six school Districts in said town into the number of five as they formerly ware for the advantage of Learning in said town

Voted Choose a Committe to view Some Sutable place for each School house to Stand upon as near the center of Each district as Shall bee most Conveniant and that the committe lay their proceeding before the town for their Exceptance

Chose Mr Daniel Chapman Mr Nathan Andrews Capt Jonathan Foster Mr Richard Foster and Mr Lemuel Wood a Committe for the above mention Purpos

Meeting Desolved

Seal Essex ss to Ebenezer Peabody Constable for Boxford Greeting

in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby ordered forthwith to warn all the inhabitants living in said town that are qulified as the law directs to vote in any town meetings to assemble at the meeting House in the first Parish of sd town on monday the fourteenth day of January instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon on said day to give in their votes for one Representative for the first destrict of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to represent sd destrict in the Congress of the united States of america — allso to act on the following articals

1ly to choose a moderator to regulate the remainder of sd meting

2ly to See if the town vote to Continue and Confirm the Six School destricts as established the tenth day of November 1791.

3ly to see if the town will vote that each destrict Shall receive thirty Pounds as a full Compensation for building a School house in Each destrict — — — — —

4ly to see if the town will vote that the Selectmen Shall give orders upon the Treasurer to pay out thirty pound to each Destrict or Such person or persons as the destrict Shall appoint upon the said Selectmens receiving a Conveyance of the house and land where said house Shall Stand for the use of the town any time within twelve months from the first day of January 1793 and take any measurs respecting said School housen that the town may think proper when met — — — —

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to us the Subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the perill of the law

Dated Boxford January 1: 1793

Francis Perley
Ivory Hovey
James Chute
Parker Spafford
Simeon Stiles

Select men for Boxford

Complying With this I have Notifyed and warned the town as the Law directs to meet at time and place

14 of January 1793

Ebinezer Peabody Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting house in the first Parish in Boxford January 14: 1793 - - - -
for the purpose of giving in their votes for one Representative for the first destrict of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to represent S^d destrict in the Congress of the united States of america the Selectmen Received Votes for the following Person were given in counted and Decleration mad in open town meting

Honble Samuel Holten Esqr 21 votes

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator

The question was put to See if the will Continue and Confirm the Six scholl destrict in the town a greed on November 1791 past in the negative

Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant

Voted to pass over the fourth article in the warrant

Meting Dissolved

To. Phineas Barnes. Town Clerk of Boxford -

I the subscriber hereby inform you that I have in custody. a red or chesnut coloured Gelding colt, supposed to be about four years old. Said colt is marked as follows (viz) A white face, white spot on his left side, left hind foot white. long dark mane and tail, no shoes on -

Said colt I found going at large in the public highway in said town, the 26th day of June 1828 - said Colt has been impounded as the Law directs -

Boxford July 4th 1828 Moses Dorman Jun

(Recd & Recorded July 4th 1828. P. Barnes Town Clerk)

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seal To Samuel Peabody and Putnam Perley, disinterested persons both of Boxford in the County of Essex -

Greeting

You are hereby appointed and required to appraise upon oath at the true value thereof in money, according to your best judgement, one Horse found and taken up in the town road by Henry Perley Jr of Boxford who has entered and posted the same as the law directs - And you are to return this warrant with your doings thereon into the town Clerks office of said Boxford within seven days from this date -

Given under my hand and seal at Boxford this eighth day of June AD 1832 -

Charles Peabody, Jus. Peace -

Essex ss.

The above named Samuel Peabody & Putnam Perley personally appeared before me and made oath that they would faithfully appraise the Beast therein mentioned according to their best judgement - - Charles Peabody Jus. Peace

Boxford June 8th 1832 - We the subscribers have examined the within described Beast and consider it of no - Value

June 11th 1832.
Received in the office and Recorded by Phineas Barnes Town Clerk -

Samuel Peabody
Putnam Perley -

To Phineas Barnes Town Clerk of Boxford -
Taken up by the subscriber on the 27th day of July last, running astray and at large in the town of Boxford - A. Chesnut colored horse supposed to be about twelve - years old, with white hind feet and a white nose, the owner to me being entirely unknown -

Amos Kimball -

Boxford Aug. 3d. 1832. -

Received in the office Aug. 4th. 1832 and recorded by Phineas Barnes Town Clerk

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Essex ss.
To William Smith & Ephriam F. Cole both of Boxford in said county, two disinterested judicious persons - - Greeting -

By virtue of the power and authority to me given in and by a law of the Commonwealth, entitled "An act respecting lost goods and stray beasts," I do hereby appoint you to appraise upon oath, at the true value thereof in money, according to your best skill and judgement, a horse found by Capt. Amos Kimball of said Boxford, having performed this service, you are to make return of this Warrant unto the town clerks office of said Boxford within seven days from the date hereof -

Given under my hand and seal this 3d. day of September, AD 1832 - - - Jon.a Foster -

Essex ss. Sept. 7th 1832

The above named William Smith and Ephriam F. Cole personally appeared and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially perform the trust to which they are appointed by the above warrant -

Before me Jon.a Foster Just. of Peace

Pursuant to the above Warrant we have - appraised the beast above mentioned at twenty dollars -

William Smith

$20 Boxford Sept. 7th 1832 - Ephriam F. Cole

Recorded Sept. 8th 1832. by P Barnes - Town Clerk

Essex ss / To Asa Peabody Constable of the Town of Boxford in sd County Greeting
you are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and give notice to Zebulon Wilds Cordwainer and Children: Molly Peggy & Mary of Boxford in the County of Essex who have lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding Therein. not having obtained the Towns consent therefor: That They depart the limits of said Town within Fifteen days. & this This precept with your doings thereon, you are to Make Return into the office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty days next Comming that such further proceedings may be had in the Premises as the law directs.— given under our hands & seals at Boxford aforesaid this third day of Feb.ry Anno Domini 1790

Richard Foster
Lemuel Wood
Samuel Kimball
Moses Carleton
Daniel Hurs
Select men of Boxford

Essex ss. I have Warned and given notice to the within named Zebulon Wilds and Molly Peggy & Mary Wilds to depart the limits of this sd Town as within Mentioned Boxford February 12 1790 per me

Asa Peabody Constable

Essex ss / To Asa Peabody Constable of the Town of Boxford in sd County Greeting — you are in the Name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts directed to warn & give Notice to Isaac ~~Prescot~~ Durant of Boxford in the County of Essex Joiner, who has lately come into this Town For the purpose of ~~obtaining~~ abiding therein not having obtained The Towns consent therefor that he depart the limits thereof and Helena his Wife and theire Children within fifteen days: and of this Precept with your doings thereon you are to Make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town, within Twenty days next comming, That such further proceedings may be had in the premises, as the law directs Given under our hands and Seals at Boxford aforesd this third day of February Anno Domini 1790

Richard Foster
Lemuel Wood
Samuel Kimball
Moses Carleton
Daniel Hurs
Select men of Boxford

Essex ss
I have Warned and given Notice to the within Named Isaac ~~Persons~~ Durant and his Wife helena & their Children to depart the limits of said Town Within mentioned: Boxford February 13 1790 per me

Asa Peabody Constable

Seal

Essex ss. To Asa Peabody Constable of the Town of Boxford in the County of Essex

You are in the Name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts directed to Warn & give Notice to Nathan Wood & Benjamin Wood Yeoman who has lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtaind the Towns concent therefor That they depart the limits thereof with Sarah his Wife & three Children within fifteen days and of this Precept with your doings thereon you are to Make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty days next comming: That such further Proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law directs Given under our hands and Seals at Boxford afore said this twenty fifth day of February Anno Domini 1790 —

Richard Foster
Lemuel Wood
Samuel Kimball
Moses Carlton
Daniel Nurss
Select men of Boxford

Return

Essex ss. I have warned and given notice to the within Named Nathan Wood ~~of Boxford~~ and Benjamin Wood of Boxford with his Sarah and their Children to Depart as within Mentioned

Boxford March the 9 1790

Asa Peabody Constable

Seal

Essex ss. To Asa Merrill Constable of the Town of Boxford in Said County

you are in the Name of the common wealth of Massachusetts directed to warn & give Notice to Widow Mary Bacon of Boxford in the County of Essex who has lately come to this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the Towns Consent thereto, that she depart the limits thereof within fifteen days: and this Precept with your doings thereon you are to Make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty days next coming. That such further Proceedings may be had in the Premises as the law directs: — Given under our hands & Seals this Twenty fifth day of February Anno Domini 1790 —

Richard Foster
Lemuel Wood
Samuel Kimball
Moses Carlton
Daniel Nurss
Select men of Boxford

Return

Essex ss. I have ~~Warned~~ ~~given~~ notified the Person within named to Depart the limits of this Town agreeable to the within warrant

Boxford March 9 1790

Asa Merrill Constable —

Seal

Essex ss. To Asa Peabody Constable of Boxford in Said County —

you are in the Name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and give Notice to Susana Farnum of Boxford in the County of Essex: who has lately come in to this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the Towns Consent thereto: That she depart the limits thereof with her Child within fifteen days and this Precept with your doings thereon you are to Make return into the Office of the Town Clerk within twenty days next comming That such further Proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law directs. Given under our hands & Seals this Twenty fifth day of February Anno Domini 1790 —

Richard Foster
Lemuel Wood
Samuel Kimball
Moses Carlton
Daniel Nurss
Select men of Boxford

Return

Essex ss. I have Warned and Given notice to the within Susanna Farnum of Boxford with her Child to depart as Within Mentioned —

Boxford March the 9 1790

Asa Peabody Constable

[Seal] Essex ss. To Asa Peabody Constable of the Town of Boxford in said County Greeting / you are in the Name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and Give Notice to Daniel Clark of Boxford in the County of Essex Gent who has lately Come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having Obtained the Towns Consent therefor That He with Hannah his Wife and Their Children depart the limits thereof within fifteen days and of this Precept with your doings thereon you are to Make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty days next comming: That such further Proceedings may be had in the Premises as the Law directs: Given under our hands & Seals this Twenty fifth of February Anno Domini 1790

Return

Essex ss. I have Warrened and Given Notis to the within Named Daniel Clerk of Boxford with his Wife Hannah & their Children to depart as within Mentioned

Boxford March the 9th 1790 : Asa Peabody Constable

Richard Foster
Lemuel Wood
Samuel Kimball
Moses Carlton
Daniel Noyes
Select men of Boxford.

Essex ss (To Nathaniel Perley one of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in Said County Greeting — you are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and give Notice unto Samuel Cree of Boxford in the County of Essex Yeoman and his Wife who has lately Come into this Town for the purpose of ~~obtaining~~ abiding therein not Having obtained the Towns consent therefor, that they depart the limits thereof (with their Children) within fifteen days. and of this Precept with your doings thereon, you are to Make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town with twenty days next coming. That such further proceedings may be had ~~thereon~~ in the premises as the law directs. Given under our hands and Seals at Boxford afore said: this fourteenth day of April Anno Domini 1790 —

In Obedience to the within Precept I have Warned and Given Notice to Samuel Cree & his Wife with their Children to depart the limits of the Town of Boxford within fifteen Days from the within date April 20th 1790 Nathaniel Perley — Constable of Boxford

Daniel Chapman
Lemuel Wood
Richard Foster
Moses Carlton
Stephen Peabody
Select-Men of Boxford

(Seal) To Nathaniel Perley one of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in the County of Essex Greeting you are in the Name of the Common-Wealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and give notice unto Nathaniel Kerrick Wheelright and Elisabeth his Wife with their Children who have lately Come into this Town for the purpose of ~~obtaining~~ abiding therein not having obtained the Towns Consent therefor that they depart the limits thereof with their Children within fifteen days and of this precept with your doings thereon you are to Make return into the office the Clerk of the Town within twenty days next Comming that such further Proceedings may be had in the Premises as the law directs Given under under our hands and Seals at Boxford afore said this twenty second day of June AD 1790

Daniel Chapman
Richard Foster
Stephen Peabody
Select men of Boxford

I have obeyed the within direction
Nathaniel Perley Constable

(Seal) Essex ss: To Nathaniel Perley Constable of Boxford in said County Greeting you are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and Give notice unto John Giddings Labourer with his Wife and Children also Betty Cross Spinster Samuel Gould Labourer with his Wife and Children Isaac Smith Labourer with his Wife and Children Jacob Losly Cordwinder Abraham Gage Labourer Thomas Rulman Labourer with his Wife and Children and Emme Grove who have lately Come unto into This Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained The Town Consent therefor That they depart the limits thereof within fifteen days and of this Precept with your doings thereon you are to Make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty days next Comming that such further Proceedings be had ~~therein~~ in the Premises as the Law Directs: Given under our hands and Seals at Boxford affore said this First day of July Anno Domini 1790

Daniel Chapman
Samuel Wood
Richard Foster
Moses Carlton
Stephen Peabody
Select men of Boxford

I have obeyed the within direction
Nathaniel Perley

(Seal) To Nathaniel Perley Constable for Boxford in the County of Essex you are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Directed to Warn and Give Notice unto Doct Dencison Bowers Who has Lately Come to this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the Towns Consent therefore that he Depart the Limits thereof within fifteen days and of this precept with your doings their on you are to Make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty days next Comming that such further proceeding may be had in the premises as the Law Direct given under our hand and Seals

Daniel Chapman
Richard Foster
Stephen Peabody
Select men of Boxford

Boxford June 22th 1790

I have Complied with the within direction
Nathaniel Perley Constable

(Seal) To Nathaniel Perley Constable for Boxford in the County of Essex you are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Directed to Warn and give Notice unto the Widow Anne Cummings Who has Lately come into this Town for the purpose of Abiding therein not having obtained the Towns Consent therefor: that She depart the Limits thereof Within fifteen days: and of this Precept with your doings thereon you are to Make return into the office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty days Next Comming that such further Proceedings may be had on the Premises as the Law directs given under our hands and Seals

Daniel Chapman
Richard Foster
Stephen Peabody
Selectmen for Boxford

Boxford June 22th 1790

I have Obeyed the within Direction
Nathaniel Perley Constable

(Seal) Essex ss: To Asa Merrill Constable of the Town of Boxford in Said County Greeting — you are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Directed to Warn and give Notice unto John Palmer Yeoman & his Wife Daniel Swan Cordwainder and his Wife and Child Moses Chadwick Blacksmith his Wife and Child Reuben Gragg Cordwinder his Wife and Children Obediah Carlton his Wife and Child Jesse Poor labourer Nancy Tyler Taylor Nancy Springer Spinster of Boxford in the County of Essex who has lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the Towns consent therefor that they depart the limits thereof within fifteen days and of this Precept, with your doings thereon you are to Make return into the office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty days next comming That such further proceedings may be had in the Premises as the Law direct Given under our hands and Seals at Boxford aforesaid this First day of July Anno Domini 1790

Daniel Chapman
Samuel Wood
Richard Foster
Moses Carlton
Stephen Peabody
Selectmen of Boxford

In obedience to the within I have Notified all the Persons within Named with their Families to Depart the Limits of this Town as the Law directs —
Asa Merrill Constable
Boxford July 15th 1790

(Seal) To Nathaniel Perley Constable for Boxford in the County of Essex—
you are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Directed to warn
and give Notice unto Benjamin Gould Labourer and his Wife and Children
who has Come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having
obtained Towns Consent therefor that they Depart the Limits thereof within
Fifteen Days and of this Precept with your doings thereon you are to
Make Return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty days
that such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law
Directs Given our hand and Seals
Boxford June 22th 1790

Daniel Chapman
Richard Foster
Stephen Peabody
Selectmen for Boxford

I have obeyed the within direction
Nathaniel Perley

(Seal) To Nathaniel Perley Constable for Boxford in the County of Essex
you are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Directed to warn
and Give Notice unto Sarah Marsh Widow Woman who has Lately Come into
this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the Towns
Consent therefor that She Depart the limits thereof within fifteen Days and of
this Precept with your doings thereon you are to Make Return into the office
of the Clerk of the Town within twenty days next Comming that such
further Proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law Directs given
under our hands Seals
Boxford June 22th 1790

Daniel Chapman
Richard Foster
Stephen Peabody
Selectmen for Boxford

I have obeyed the within Direction
Nathaniel Constable

(Seal) To Nathaniel Perley one of the Town of Boxford in the
County of Essex Greeting— you are in the Name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts Directed to warn and give Notice to Abraham Foster
Labourer and Sarah his Wife Transient Persons who have Lately Come into
this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the
Towns Consent therefor that they Depart the Limits of this Town within
Fifteen days and of this Precept with your doings thereon you are to
Make Return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty
Days next Comming that such further Proceedings may be had in the
Premises as the Law Directs Given under our hands and Seals
Boxford June 22 the 1790

Daniel Chapman
Richard Foster
Stephen Peabody
Selectmen for Boxford

I have Complied with the
within directions
Nathaniel Perley Constable

John Smith's Mark for his Cattle and other Creatures are as Followes (viz) a Crop of the End of the Near Ear and a Slit under the Same Entered Novr. 26: 1773 —

Aaron Woods Mark for his Cattle and Other Creatures are as Followes (viz) two Slits in the uper side of the Near: entered Novr. 27: 1773 —

Edmon Herricks Mark for his Sheep and other Cretuers is as follows (viz) a Slit in the end of the Left ear and a nock in the uper Side of the Same ear entred may the 3: 1791,

Moses Porters Mark for cattle and sheep is a swallows tail in the end of the right ear. Entered February 15th 1814.

Amos Kimballs mark for his sheep is, a swallows tail in the end, and a happenny the under side of the right ear. Entered Febry. 15th 1814.

Jeremiah Youngs mark for his stock is a swallows tail in the end of the right ear and a happeny on the upper part of the same ear. Entered June 15th 1813.

The mark by which Simeon's Pearls sheep are known is a swallows tail (so called) in the end of the right ear

Entered March 28, 1826.

The mark by which George Pearls sheep are known is a notch under each ear and a slit in the top of the right.

Entered March 28, 1826.

At a Legal Town Meeting Held at the Meeting House in the First Parish in Boxford on May 3th: 1792 The Selectmen Presided

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Representative

1ly Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator

2ly Chose Jonathan Wood Town Clark & Capt. Francis Perley first Select man and Assessor in room of Dean. John Dorman Disseast

3ly It was put to See if the town would take a Valuation the present year and it past in the Negative

Meeting Dissolved

TREATMENT REPORT
February 2007

TOWN MEETING RECORDS
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I the Subscriber promise and Engage for my Self Heirs And Assigns that I Never will Interrupt or Hinder Any Person or Persons passing or repassing a Cross the Land which I have Bought of Richard Peabody Guardian to Nathan Burnam where the Road was Layd Out from the Meeting House to the Road Leading from Andover to Ipswich in the year 1722/3 for the Same purpose and uses the Said Road was Layd Out For Witness My Hand

Daniel Chapman J3u

Signed In presence of
Aaron Wood Town Clerk
and In the presence
Paul Prichard
Thos Wood

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att a legal Town Meeting held in Boxford December ye 8th 1741

(1) the town Choose Mr Samuell Foster Moderator for said Meeting

(2) the Town voted that ye Select Men Should Make a rate of one hundred pounds to Defray the Town Charges — — —

3ly the Town voted to alow Mr Samuell Foster & Mr Jonathan Foster Six pounds tow Shillings & Nine pence for going to Boston In the Towns behalf Concerning the Line betwixt Boxford & Bradford & their Going with the Committy on the said Line to Bradford — — — — — — — —

4ly the Town voted to alow Mr Joseph Stickney Seventeen shilling for a Chest to keep the Town Standerd in & for two Stamps to Stamp the weits with — — — — — — — — — —

5ly the Town voted to alow Thomas Chadwick £0=15=00 for keeping a femal Child of Marks Snellings three weeks — — —

6ly the Town voted to alow Mr Daniell Wood Eight pounds for his keeping of William Clerk one year — — —

7ly the Town voted to alow all ye persons that Borded ye Towns Skool Master twelue shillings per week — —

8ly the Town voted to alow Mr Gorge Carlton one pound for Carrying Sarah Wescot to Topsfield with two atendance & for pockit Expence £00=12=00 (& for him self £00=10=00 — — —
and also for warning out of Town William Farson and his wife & Child. and alies trouils £00=12=00 — —

9ly the Town voted to alow Mr Thomas peabody. twelue shilling for two Days with ye Committy on Bradford Line — —

10ly the Town voted to alow Mr John Wood. two pounds sixteen shillings for fetching ye School Master from Haverhill & bording of ye said School Master four weeks — —

11ly the town voted to alow Mr Nathan peabody two pounds for procuring one Barrel of Gun powder for ye Town & Bringing it from Newbury & paying for it with his one Money

12ly the Town voted to alow John Symonds three punds sixten shilling for buying two Books with his one Money for ye Towns use one of sd Books to Record town vots in & ye other of ye sd Books to Recor Births & Death in

att a legal Town Meeting Held in Boxford March the 9th Day 1741/2

(1) the Town Choose Mr Samuell Foster Moderator for said Meeting
(2) the Town Choose Mr Robert Andrews for ye first Select Man for ye year Ensuing
(3) the Town Choose Mr John Kimball for ye second Select Man for ye year Ensuing
(4) the Town Choose Mr Thomas Andrews for ye third Select Man for ye year Ensuing
(5) the Town Choose Mr Luke Hovey. Junr for ye fourth Select Man for ye year Ensuing
(6) the Town Choose Mr Jeremiah Foster for ye fifth Select Man for ye year Ensuing
(7) the Town Choose ye abovesaid Select Men assessors for ye year Ensuing
(8) the Town Choose Joseph Symonds Town Clerk for the year Ensuing
(9) the Town Choose Mr Samuell Goodridge Mr Thomas peabody & Mr Richard Tyler Constables for the year Ensuing
(10) the Town Choose Jacob Smith Town Treasurer for the year Ensuing
(11) the Town Choose Nathanael Symonds. Dea Thomas Redington Thomas perley Jun Georg Carleton Thomas Chadwick & Daniell Wood Surveyors of high ways for ye year Ensuing
(12) the Town Choose Capt Jeremiah perley & Mr John Stiles Nathan Kimball & Jonathan Cole tything Men for the year Ensuing
(13) the Town Choose Aaron Kimball Sealer of Lether for the year Ensuing
(14) the Town Choose Joseph Stickney Sealer of weights & Measurs for ye year Ensuing
(15) the Town Choose Francis perley Samuell Gould & Stephen Runels hogreeves for the year Ensuing
(16) the Town Choose Mr John Wood & Mr Thomas peabody to Enspect ye Killing of Deer as the Law Directs for ye year Ensuing
(17) the Town Choose Mr Jonathan Byxbe & Mr John Buswell fence veiwers for ye year Ensuing
(18) the Town Choose Thomas Chadwick & Samuell Foster Jur pound Keepers for ye year Ensuing

(19) It was put to the vote to see if the Town would alow the assessors for taking the valuation of Estats. Seven Shillings per Day & it past in ye aformitive
(20) It was put to the vote to se if the Town would alow Jonathan Sherwine fouer pounds ten Shillings for his time & expence in providing of Nessesarys for William Clerk and it past in the aformitive

att a legal Town Meeting held in Boxford May ye 13th 1742

(1) the Town Choose Mr Benjamin porter Modderator for said Meeting - - - - - - -

(2) the Town Choose Dea: Thomas Redington assessor for ye year Current

(3) the Town Choose Mr Isaac Dodg Constable for ye year Current - -

(4) it twas put to ye vote to see If the Towne would Consider Jeremiah Foster Refusal to serve as a selectman and abate the fine and it past in ye affermative - - - - -

(5) it twas put to ye vote to see if ye Town would abate James Lesley of Topsfield his Rates for ye year 1740: for his head: accor'ding to the province tax Made in that year and it past in the affermitive - - - - - - - - - -

att a legal Town Meeting held in Boxford September ye 2 1742

(1) the Town Choose Mr John Wood Moderator for said Meeting

(2) it twas put to ye vote to see if ye Town would Except of the Men that the Select Men Drawed out for to searve on ye petit Juries as ye Law Directs & it past in ye Effarmitive -

(3) the Town selected out of these Men a quarter of ye Number so Laid before them. such of them as they Judged Most suitable to serve as Jurors at ye Superiour Court as ye Law Directs

(4) the Town Chose Cap Jeremiah perley to Keep one half of ye Town stock of powder & ammunition

5 the Town Choose John Symonds to keep the other half of the said Town stock

Att a legal Town Meeting held in Boxford. January ye 25th 1742/3

(1) the Town Choose Mr Samuell Foster. Modderator for said meting - -

(2) the Town voted to alow John Symonds two pounds. two shillings old tennor for Bording Mr persons ye scoole Master: three weeks & three Days

(3) the Town voted to alow Mr Luke Hovey Junr. three pound seven shillin old tennor For supportting. William Clerk with Necessarys - -

(4) the Town voted to alow Ambros Hale Eight shillings. old tennor for his time in obeying a warrent Received from ye select Men to warn persons out of Town

(5) the Town voted to alow Samuell Foster Junr five shillings old tennor for warning ye Irelands out of Town & Returning ye warrent to ye Court

6) the Town voted to alow John Dormand two shillings old tennor for Returning ye a warrent to to the Court after Abigail Gallups was warned out of ye To

(7) the Town voted that ye Town assessors should Lay a rate to Defray Town Charges this year of one Hundred pounds old tennor

8 the Town voted that the select Men should take Care & support William Clerk upon the Towns Cost, while March

(9) It twas put to ye vote to see if the Town will Consent to have Every third Town Meeting in ye second parish in Boxford after ye Next March Town Meeting & it past in the Negative - -

att alegal Town Meeting held in Boxford March ye 8th Day 1742/3
(1) the Town Choose John Symonds Moderator for said Meeting
(2) the Town Choose Mr Robart Andrews for ye first Select Man for ye year Ensuing
3 the Town Choose Mr Benjamin perley for ye Second Select Man for ye year Ensuing
4 the Town Choose Joseph Symonds for ye third Select Man for ye year Ensuing
5 the Town Choose Mr Luke Hovey for ye forth Select Man for ye year Ensuing
6 the Town Choose Dea Thomas Redington for ye fifth Select Man for ye year Ensuing
7 the Town Choose ye above Said Select men assessor for ye year Ensuing
8 the Town Choose Jeremiah Foster Constable for ye year Ensuing
9 the Town Choose Samuell Tyler Constable for ye year Ensuing
10 the Town Choose Joseph Symonds Town Clerk for ye year Ensuing
11 the Town Choose Jacob Smith Town Treasurer for ye year Ensuing
12 the Town Choose Ebenezer Curtis Samuell Dorman Stephe Runnels Nathan Kimball Jonathan Wood Thomas perley Junr & Jonathan Bixbe Surveyors of highways for the year Ensuing
13 the Town Choose Joseph Stickne Thomas peabody Junr Isaac Dodg and Samuell Gould tything Men for the year Ensuing
14 the Town Choose Samuell Goodridge & Gideon Bixbe fence viewers for the year Ensuing
15 the Town Choose Frances perley Ebenezer Killam Ritchard Pearl Thomas Chadwick John Hale hog Reeves for ye year Ensuing
16 the Town Choose Mr John Wood & Mr Thomas peabody to Inspect the Killing of Deer as the Law Directs for ye year Ensuing
17 the Town Choose Joseph Stickne Sealer of waits & Mesurs ye year Ensuing

18 It was put to the vote to See if the Town would Chuse a Committee to Discourse with our Minister ye Revd Mr John Rogers to know of him whither he is willing to Let the Tow have ye Improvement of the parsonage Farm for their own bennifet & use, & if he be willing then if he please to tell ye Committee apon what termes the Town Shall have it and it past in the afformitive
19 the Town Choose Mr Samuell Foster Mr Benjamin porle and Dea Thomas Redington to Serve in the above Said Affair
20 the Town Voted to Adjourn the Meeting to tuesday ye 22nd Day of March Current at three of the Clock in the after Noon

at alegal Town Meeting held in Boxford upon adjournment from the 8th Day of March 1742/3 to the 22 Day of the Same Month of March the Town being Meet
1ly it was put to vote to see if the town would Release Samuell Tiler from Serving Constable this year and it past in the Negative
2ly it was put to vote to see if the Town would Chuse acommittee to go to our Revd Minister Mr John Rogers to see if he will Deliver up possession of ye parsonag farm to ye Town to be improved by said Town & they to pay the Rents or profits there of to him & if he refuse to Deliver as above said then for to take all proper Meathods to recover it out of his hands before there be any More Strip & wast Made on said farm and Make return to ye Town in Convenent time & it past in the affermitive
3ly the Town Choose Mr Samuell Foster Mr Benjamin porter Dea Thomas Redington Mr John Wood & Captn Jeremiah perley to be acommittee to serve in ye above said affair

at alegal Town Meeting held in Boxford May ye 17th Day 1743
1ly the Town Choose Mr Samuell Foster Moderator for said Meeting
2ly it was put to vote to see if ye Town would Chuse acommittee to see who is in possession of ye pasonage Farm and to Eject them out Immediatly & past in the afformative — —
3ly the Town Voted to alow Mr Benjamin porter four pounds old tennor for his supporting William Cleark in ye time of his sikness that he died of & for his providing things for his funerall
4ly the Town voted to alow Doc Benjamin Foster two pounds old tennor for his Doctoring William Cleark in his sikness that he Died of
5ly the Town Voted to alow all ye persons that Borded Mr Tucker our skoole Master thirteen shillings old tennor per weake for his Bord
6ly it was put to vote to see if ye Town would keep aschool Master this year & it past in ye afformitive

at alegal Town Meeting held in Boxford November ye 8th 1743
1ly the Town Choose John Symonds Moderator for said Meeting
2ly the Town voted to alow John Symonds Eleven pounds seven shillings old tennor for Bording Mr John Tucker our School Master fifteen weaks & two Days
3ly the Town voted to alow Mr Nathanell Burnam Junr ten pounds two shillings & six pence old tennor for Bording Mr John Tucker our SchoolMas thirteen weaks & four Dayes
4ly the Town voted to alow Mr Samuell Goodridge forteen shilling old tennor for warning two persons out of Town & Returning ye warrent to ye Court
5ly the town voted to alow Jacob Smith for his being Town treasurer two year past two pounds teen shillings old tennor 6ly the Town voted one hundred pounds old tennor for atown Rate to defray the towns Debts this year

Att a Legal town meeting held in Boxford march ye 13: 1743.

1) The town Chose Mr John Symonds Moderater fo
Said meeting
(2) the town Chose Mr Robert Andrews for the first Selectman
3: ye Town Chose Mr Benj: Porter for ye Second Selectman
4: ye Town Chose Mr Joseph Hale junr for ye third Selectman
5. ye Town Chose Mr Thos Redington for ye fourth Selectman
6: ye Town Chose Mr Job Tyler for ye fift Selectman
7 ye Town Chose the above Sd Selectmen assesors for the
Year Ensuing
8: The Town Chose William Foster Town Clerk
for ye Year Ensuing. who is als sworn to ye Sd office
9: the Town Chose Oliver Andrews Constable for ye
South side of ye town for ye Year Ensuing
10: they Chose Thos pearly junr for ye north Sid Constable
who is sworne to ye Sd office
11) The Town Chose Saml Dorman John Peabody junr
Francis perly Capt Jeremiah Perly Joseph Eams Luke
Hovey junr John Symonds Surveyors for ye Year
Ensuing.
The town Chose Nathan Kimball Joseph Symonds
12) John Hovey Joseph Stickney Tythingmen for ye
year Ensuing
13) The Town Chose Saml Goodridge Gideon Byxbe John
Kimball Thos Chadwick Fence viewers for ye year Ensuing
The town Chose Aaron Kimball Sealer of Lether
& Joseph Stickney Sealer of weights for ye year Ensuing.
The town Chose John wood Thomas peabody Dearreves
The town Chose Daniel Black Jonathan Stickney

James Curtis jun^r Samuel Stanly Jeremiah
Stephen Runells Hog Revers for the Yea[r]
Ensuing: also ye town voted y^t swine should go at Larg
Lastly The Town Chose Mr John Wood
Thomas Redington & Mr Jonathan Foste[r]
To settle the bounds Near John Peabodys
Andover Line

Att a Legal Town meeting Held in Boxford May
The 22: 1744
1. The Town Chose Mr Benjamin porter moderator for
s^d meeting
2. it was put to vote to See if the Town Would Releas[e]
Deck^n Thomas Redington from Serving as Selectman &
assesor for the Year Ensuing and it passed in ye negitive
3. It was put to ye vote to See if ye town Would
Releas Ens^n Joseph Hale from Serving as Selectman &
assesor for the Year Ensuing & it passed in the Negitive
4. The town voted Thos Chadwick thirteen shilling
p^r week for Bording Mr John Tucker thirteen
week
5. The town voted Daniel Wood thirteen shilling
p^r week for bording m^r Tucker thirteen week
6. The town Voted Moses Porter three pounds for
Bording m^r Tucker four week
7. The town Voted Jonathan Byxbe thirty shill-
:ings for Dining m^r Tucker forty two Day

Att a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford
Sept. 20 day 1744 —
The Town Chose Capt. Jeremiah Perly moderator for the Said meeting —
the Town voted one hundred & twenty pounds old tenor for this present year
the town voted to alow Ebenezar Sherwin fifteen pounds old tenor for the keeping of mary Cole the Space of one year. ye Said year begining the twenty Second Day of may Last —
it was put to ye Vote to alow Thomas Chadwick two Shillings pr week more yn has alredy been voted him for Bording Mr. John Tucker thirteen weeks and it passed in the Negitive

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Att a Legal Town meeting Held in Boxford
March ye 12 day 1744
The town Chose Thos. Redington moderator for sd meeting
Chose Joseph Symonds Selectman for ye year Ensuing
Chose Zebediah Foster Selectman for ye year Ensuing
Chose Capt. Nathll. Perkins Selectman for ye year Ensuing
Chose Thomas Peabody Selectman for ye year Ensuing
Chose John Dorman Selectman for ye year Ensuing
the Town Chose ye above named Selectmen assessors for the year Ensuing
Chose William Foster Town Clerk for ye year Ensuing
Chose John Hovey Constable for ye North Side of sd Town for ye year Ensuing
ye Town Chose Saml. Gould Constable for ye South Side of sd Town
ye Town Released Saml. Gould from Serving as Constable for ye year Ensuing

12) The Town Chose Francis Perley Amos Perley Aron
Nathaniel Symonds Saml. Spofard Thos. Chadwick Surv
for ye year Ensuing also Jeremiah Foster Surveyor
13: the Town Chose Jeremiah Perley Jonathan Bygo
Stephen Runnels Luke Hovey junr Tythingmen fo
the year Ensuing
14: Chose John Peabody junr Thos. Andrews junr Fenceviewers
for the year Ensuing
15: Chose Joseph Stickney Sealer of Weights & me
Kimball Sealer of Leather for ye year Ensuing
16: Chose Solomon Wood James Andrews William Kno
Saml. Cole junr Hogreves for ye Year Ensuing
17: the Town Chose John Dorman Town Treasurer
18: the Town voted to Accept of of the Returne and plan
of ye Line Betwixt Andover & Boxford made by
the Comtte namely John Wood Timothy Johnson & oth
19: the town voted thirty shilling to Each Comt. man na
John Wood Thos Redington Jonathan Foster for their
Service in Settling the Line Betwixt Andover & Boxfo
and Ten Shilling for the plan old tenor
20. it was put to ye vote to Build a little House for
for Priscilla Ramsdell to Live in and it passed in
the Negitive
21: Chose Aaron Kimball Constable for ye year Ensu
for ye South side
22: Chose Thomas Peabody & George Carleton De
-revers for ye year Ensuing
the above Named officers have all been Sworn to ye fait
Discharge of yr offering Except John Hovey Constable
[illegible] Hovey aforsd is Sworn to ye Dischar

Att a Legal Town meeting held in
Boxford may ye 20 day 1745 —
Chose Benjamin Porter moderator for sd. meeting
it was put to the vote to Grant ye prayer of
Prisilla Ramsdell and it passed in ye negitive
put to ye vote to alow Ebenezar Sherwin
fifteen pounds old tenor for Keeping mary Cole
for ye year Ensuing and It passed in ye negitive
it was put to the vote to Devide the Destricts
of ye Constables taking in all ye inhabitants of ye
Second parish in sd. town together with the lands
of John Wood & Capt Perkins also all on ye north
side of Pye brook for ye north side Constable and it
passed in the afermitive
voted mr. John wood nineteen Shillings old
tenor for his Service to Ipswich Court —
Chose Jacob Smith treasurer for ye year Ensuing
the Town voted to have a Scoolmaster for ye
year Ensuing

Att a Legal Town meeting Held in Boxford Septr 20
day AD. 1745.
Chose John wood moderator for sd meeting
it was put to ye vote to See if ye Town would Chuse a
Comtte to Renew bounds Betwixt the Land that Mr Rogers
Improves and the Proprietors on the South side of ye Town
and it passed in ye Affermitive —
the Town Chose Thomas Peabody Jacob Smith & Robert
Andrews to be a Comtte to Renew bounds Betwixt sd Land Mr
Rogers Improves and ye sd proprietors

4: the town voted that the Selectmen should [illegible] money out of the Treasurey to purchey a Book [illegible] Record Rates in

5: the town voted to alow aron Kimball thirteen Shillings a week for Bording Mr John Tucker four week old tenor

6. the Town voted to alow Jacob Smith six pou[nds] old tenor for Serving as Town Treasurer for ye four years past.

(1) 2 7: the Town voted fifty pounds old tenor for the Town Rate for ye year Ensuing

Att a Legal Town meeting Held in Boxford March 11th AD 1745. &c

Chose Joseph Symonds moderator for sd meetin[g]

(1) Chose Joseph Symonds Selectman for ye year Ensuin[g]

(2) Chose Thomas Peabody Select man for ye year Ensu[ing]

(3) Chose Amos Perley Selectman for ye year Ensu[ing]

(4) Chose Jonathan Foster Selectman for ye year Ens[uing]

(5) Chose Jeremiah Foster Selectman for ye year Ensuin[g]

(6) Chose the above sd Selectmen assesors for ye year Ens[uing]

(7) Chose William Foster Town Clerk for ye year Ens[uing]

8) Chose Luke Hovey Constable for ye North side

9) Chose Gideon Byxbe Constable for ye South side of [illegible]

10) Chose Thos Redington Town Treasurer

11) Chose John Peabody jur Francis Perley Nathl Andrews Retire Baken Daniel Wood Thos Perley Surveyers of High ways for ye year Ensuinge

(12) Joseph Stikney Clark of ye market & aron Kimball Sealer of Leather for ye year Ensuin[g]

[illegible] Joseph Stickne[illegible] jon^m wood & david wood
Thos Peabody jur Tythingmen for ye year to come
Chose George Carleton Thoms Peabody Deer revers
Chose Joseph Hale jur Grand Juryman
Francis Perley David Wood Joseph Curtice aron
Kimball David Tyler Hogrevers for ye year Ensuing
voted to accept of ye Returne & plan that ye Comtte
yt ware Chosen to Settle Bound with ye propriotes
and Land Mr Rogers improves and orderd ye sd plan
be Keept or pind into ye Town book
Chose Thos Andrews junr & Saml Tater Junr
fence vewers for ye year Ensuing
all the above Named officers ware & have been Sworn
to their Respective offices

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at a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford
on april ye 9th 1746
1) Chose Capt. Stephen Peabody moderator
2) voted that their be paid fifteen pounds
old tenor to Ebenezar Sherwin for his Charge
for Keeping mary Cole ye year Curant which
will End in may Next ye 22d day provided ye
said Ebenezar Sherwin proceed no further in
proseuting a Complaint which ye sd Ebenezr hath
Exhibited to ye Sesions of ye peace in march
Last past.

Att a legal Town meeting held in Boxford
may ye 14th 1746: Chose Benj. Porter moderator
2. Chose Robert Andrews Treasurer for ye present year
who is sworn to his sd office
3: Voted to pay Ebenezer Sherwin fifteen pounds old tenor to
Keep & support mary Cole one year from ye 22: of may
[illegible] forward to ye 22d of may Next Ensuing

2 Voted to pay John Gould Seven Pound old Tenor for finding Prisilla Ramsdel House Room and fire wood for one year to Come ye year to Begin on ye 14 day of may 1746

Att a legal town meeting held in boxford on monday the 22 day of Septemr 1746
(1) Chose Joseph Symonds Moderator for sd meeting
:2: voted that the town Rate should be one Hundred and twenty pounds old tennor for ye year Ensuing
:3: voted to Luke Hovey junr twenty Shillings old Tenor for Cost & Service in Returning warrents of person being warned out of Town
:4: voted five shilling old tenor to Joseph Symonds for a Cock for ye pound
:5: it was put whether the Town would abate Daniel Howards Rates in Constable John Hovey List he Being Rated to David Tyler in sd list for ye Reasons Given and it passed in ye Negative

Att a Legal Town meeting Held in Boxford March 10: 1746. Chose Jonathan Foster moderator
(1) Chose Jonathan Foster Thomas Redington Nathaniel Symonds Thomas Peabody Thomas Pearley Select men and assesor for ye year Ensuing
.2. Chose William Foster Town Clerk for ye year Ensuing
.3. Chose John Buswell Constable for ye Southside & Francis Darley Constable for ye North sid of sd Towne for ye year Ensuing
4. Chose Robert Andrews Treasurer for ye year Ensuing
5. Chose Joshua Andrews Jonathan Byxbe Nathan woo Thomas Peabody jur Asa Perley Survyers for ye year Ensu
.6: Chose John Dorman Saml Foster jur Ebenezr Sherwin amos Kimball Tything men for the year Ensuing
7 Chose Gideon Byxbe Ebenezar Curtice Fence viewers for ye year Ensuing
8. Chose Elijah Dorman Clerk of ye mark et.

9: Chose Aaron Kimball Sealer of Leather for ye Ensuing year

10. James Curtice jun Moses Porter Ezra Stilts Jonathan Wood Hogreevers for ye year Ensuing

10. Chose Joseph Stikney John Hale Thomas Perly to Sell ye old Barn the Town Bought of william Smith ~~to ye [illegible]~~ highest Bidden for ye Benifet of ye Town & to Render an account thereof to ye town

12: voted to Chuse a Comitte to Recken with Mr Rogers

13 Chose Thomas Redington Robert Andrews Jonathan Foster William Foster a Comtte to Reckon with Mr Rogers and se what his Demands is of sd town for or toward his Salary or whether there be any thing Due to him on account of sd Sallary from sd Town

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The officers abovesd for ye year 1747. Chose ye 10 day of march 1746. are all Sworn to ye true performance of there Several offices // Except Nathll Symond, Ebnzr Sherwn Saml Foster

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At a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford on May the 13: 1747

1) Chose Jonathn Foster moderator

2) it was put to ye vote whether the Second parish in Sd Town Should have there Right of ye parsnage farme in Said town according to there propotion of Rates which they pay towards ye province tax after Mr Rogers Dec… and it passed in ye Negitive

(3) voted to Chuse a Comitte to Ejeit ye present possesors of ye Parsonage farme out of ye possesion thereof

4) Chose Capt Stephen peabody Joseph Hale Jun to Ejet & to take ye possession of the Parsonage farme out of ye hands of ye present posors thereof that Mr Rogers may have ye Profets of it as was formerly vote to him

(5.) it was Put whether the Town would take ye Possesion of the five acres of Land formerly Bought of Jacob Perley and it passed in the Negitive

6: Chose George Carlton & Thomas Peabody Dearkivers for ye year Ensuing

7. Voted fifteen pounds old tenor to Ebenezar Sherwin for keeping mary Cole ye year to Come

At a Legal Town meeting Held in Boxford September ye 9th 1747 Chose Thomas Redington moderator

1) voted to alow Gideon Byxbe two Shillings & Seven pence for Service in Returning warents of persons warned out of Town

2) voted to Aron Kimball twelve Shillings old tenor for Service in Returning warrents

3: Voted to Luke Hovey twenty six shillings for Servi in Returning warrents old tenor
voted John Peabody five Shillings old tenr for a pound Gate

4: Voted that ye Town Rate Shall be one hundred & Thirty Pound (old tenor for ye year Ensuing

5) Chose Thomas Andrews Selectman and asesor for ye Present year who is also Sworne to ye Sd office

(6) Voted to Send Fisk Ten pounds old tenor to find Priscilla Ramsdell House Room and Firewood till ye first Day of September Next anno 1748

At a legal town meeting held in Boxford Feb:ry ye 1

1) Chose Thomas Peabody moderator for ye meeting

(2) Voted to adjorne the meeting to ye Eight day of march Next at nine of ye Clock on Said day

march ye Eighth day 1747 at a legal town meeting held By an ajornment from Febry ye 19: 1747 to ye 8 of march aforesd,

3: the town Chose Massrs Jonathan Foster Thomas Peabody Francis Parley a Comtte to proceed to Eject Mr Rogers or any others out of ye possesion of ye Parsonage farme who may appear to Be in the possesion thereof

4: voted to order the abovesd Comtte to Repare to Mr Rogerss house and Discourse him Conserning ye Delivring up of ye Possesion of the parsonage farme and to see if he will make any perposals to sd Comtte in order for an agreement that ye Comitte may make Report thereof to ye town

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At a legal town meting hild in Boxford march ye 8: 1747: Chose Benjamin Porter moderator for sd meeting

Chose Benjamin porter Joseph Symonds Luke Hovey jur Gideon bixbe Joseph Hale jur Selectmen and assesors for ye year Ensuing

2 Chose william Foster Town Clerk for ye year Ensuing

3: Chose Joseph Stickney Constable for ye South side of sd town for ye year Ensuing

4: Chose Thomas Peabody Constable for ye north side

5: Chose Robert Andrews Town treasurer for ye year Ensuing

6: Chose James Andrews John Hale Isaac adams Samuel Dorman Aaron Kimball Isaac Dodge Surveyers for ye year Ensuing

7: Chose Elijah Dorman Clark of ye markett and Aaron Kimball Sealer of Leather for ye year Ensuing

8 Chose Jeremiah foster Retire Bacon william Eils & moses Porter nathan wood Hogreevers

9 Chose william Foster Aron Kimball Richard Kimball Tythingmen for ye year Ensuing Isaac dodge Tythingman

10. Chose James Andrews Thomas Andrews Tenceview.
11 Chose George Carleton David wood Dear Reverts
12: Chose Thomas Redington Thomas Chadwick
pound keepers for ye year Ensuing
13: ye town voted to Dismise Thomas Peabody from
Serving Constable this present year
14: Chose Nathan Kimball Constable for the
Northside of sd town for the year Ensuing
Then voted to adjourne ye meeting till ye Second
wednesday in may Next at one of the Clock
on sd Day

the above named officers are Sworne to the faithfull dischary
of there Several offices accept. Joseph Symonds, Joseph Hale
Gideon byxbe David wood.

Gideon Byxbe is Sworne to ye office of Assessor.

at a legal meeting held in Boxford by ajornement
from ye Eight Day of march 1747 to ye Second
wensday of may following
it was put to ye vote to see if the town would
Relinquish ye fines of Joseph Symond & Joseph
Hale &c (for there not Serving as assessors for ye
present year) and it passes in ye afermitive
2 Chose William Foster Selectman & assessor for ye
year Ensuing it Chose Jonathan wood Selectman &
assesor for ye year Ensuing who are sworne to yr offices
4. it was put whether the Town would Discontinue
the way or some part of it that was Laid out in
1708: to Joseph Eames (viz) from the Road that Leads
to Nathll peabody once Side, ye Road was Layd out
north Side of Cummings Land over ye plaine & Brook &c
and it passed in ye Negative
5. it was put whether the town would pay Mr John Chadwick
for ye Damages of sd Road Going through his Land and it
passed in the Negative

At a Legal town meeting held in Boxford may 11: 1748: Chose Benjamin Porter moderator vote Eighteen pounds old tenor to Ebenezar Sherwin for keeping Mary Cole one year to Come ye sd year to Begin on ye 22: of may Instant. &c

~~At a legal Town meeting held in~~

At a legal Town meeting held In Boxford September: ye 20th 1748:
Chose John Wood moderator for sd meeting
The Town vote one Hundred Pounds old ten: to be assesed on the Inhabitants for ye Defraying Town Charge this present Year ——

At a legal Town meeting held in Boxford march ye 14 day 1748 Chose Thomas Redington Moderator —
Chose Thos Redington John Hovey Nathaniel Symonds Aron Kimball Isaac Adams Selectmen & assessors for ye Year Ensuing Chose William Foster Townclerk. Chose Abner Hale for ye South & Thos: peabody for ye North Constables. Capt. Perley Nathaniel Symonds Nathan Kimball Thos. Chadwick Tythingmen Francies Perley John Peabody Junr Ebenezar Curtice Isaac Dodge Joseph Hovey Saml. Spafford: Surveyours — John Hale Retire Bacon Fenceviewers Elijah Dorman Clark of ye markett. Aaron Kimball Sealer of Leather John Peabody Gideon Tyler Retire bacon David wood Joseph Curtice Hogreevers Thomas Perley Treasurer George Carleton John Peabody Junr Deerkeepers — The above named officers have been all Sworn to —

— It was put to the vote whether ye way that Goes over Should be nul
Land of Mr John Chadwick Over ye brook & plain as
Is Expressed in the warrent of ye present meeting and it passed
in the Negative —— —— ——

— It was also Put whether ye high way Going over Land
of Mr Benj. Porter to Mr Hovey's Land Should be
Null & it passed in the Negative: it was put to vote
whether ye town would Chuse a Comitte to Go to the Revd
Mr John Rogers & Demand of him the possesion of ye five
acers of Land Belonging to the Town which is now in his
possesion & to take ye possesion and it past in ye affermitive
the town Chose William Foster Thomas Peabody Captn
Jeremy Parley to Serve on ye above afair as a Comitte
to Demand & take possesion as aforesd —— voted
also that the Selectmen have ye Direction of ye sd
five acers aford and that they see that ye use thereof
Be apply'd towards ye maintaining a scool in sd town
— the town voted Jacob Smith thirty Shillings old tenor
for his Last years Servis as treasurer for sd town
— voted Thomas Andrews Six pounds old tenor in full
for Bording Mr Leslie four weeks. ——
— voted Saml Fisk three pounds old tenor in full for finding
Prissilla Ramsdel House Room & fire wood from
September Last — the town voted to Francis Perley Eight
Shillings old tenor for Returning warrents to Court ——
voted to Robert Andrews five pounds in full old tenor
for two years Servise as Town Treasurer ——
voted to Thomas Chadwick three pounds in full
old tenor for bording Mr Leslie two week ——
the town voted to Jacob Smith ten Shilling old tenor
& to Robert Andrews ten Shillings to Thos. peabody
the Sum [illegible] fifteen Shillings old tenor for Serving as
a Comitte to Settle Bounds with the proprioters that Joyns
to ye Land in ye possesion of Mr Rogers ——
the Town passed a vote to abate Nathan mans Rate
in ye list of Francies perley ye Sum of 2=11=3
also voted to abat Capt. Perkins one head to [illegible]

22 – voted to Jonathan Byxbe Six pounds old tenor for Bording Mr Lesslee four weeks & three Days.
all the above named officers are Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of there Several offices as ye Law Directs.

Att a legal Town meeting held in Boxford may ye 16 1749. Chose Thomas Redington moderator for sd meeting

1. voted to abate ye Rates of John & Jacob Eiles In ye List of oliver andrews a former Constable of our Town

2) voted to Ebenezar Sherwin fifteen pounds old tenor for his underlaking and Keeping mary Cole ye year Ensuing: 3 it was put whether the town would Build a house for Prisilla Ramsdeel and it passed in ye Negitive

4. – Chose William Foster and Jonathan Foster as agents for the Inhabitants of ye town of Boxford to appear in behalf of ye Inhabitants aforesd and to Commence or bring foward an action or plea of Ejectment against ye Revrd Mr John Rogers and any other person who may appear to Be in ye actual possession of ye five acers of Pasturland Belonging to the Inhabitants or town aforesd and Now is in ye possesion of ye sd Mr Rogers & others and to prosecute In behalf of ye said inhabitants of Boxford ye sd action or plea of Ejectment to final Judgment and Execution

5. voted to alow aron Kimball Six pounds ten shillings old tenor for bording mr Leslee four weeks

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at a legal town meeting held in Boxford Septr ye 19 1749 Chose Thomas Redington moderator for ye sd meeting —— Chose Aaron Kimball Clerk for the Day —— Voted to

To Thomas Redington the Sum of one pound Ten Shillings New tenor Bills and to John Hovey Seventeen Shillings and Six pence Voted to Aaron Kimball fifteen Shillings Voted to Isaac adams Ten Shillings in ye Bills afores^d
In full for there Service in assesing ye Town

Voted to Ebenezar Curtice Twenty Pounds old tenor Bills for Finding Pricilla Ramsdeel Firewood and house Room for one year with the time he hase Keept her ye year Ending in March Next

6. Voted one hundred and Fifty Pounds old tenor to defray Town Charges

Voted to abate Thomas Hales Rats in Constable Luke Hoveys List it Being ye Sum of three pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence In Bills of the Old tenor

7. Voted to abate Jonathan Howards Rates in s^d Luke Hoveys List it Being the Sum of thirty Shillings old tenor

8 Voted to Abate Jon^th Howard Rates in Constable John Hoveys List it Being ye Sum of thirty Shillings old tenor
Voted to abate David Burbanks Rates in Constable luke hoveys List it Being ye Sum of Thirty Shillings old tenor

Aaron Kimball Clerk for ye Da[y]

At a Legall Town meeting Held in Boxford march the 13th AD. 1749 — Chose Jonathan Foster moderator —
Voted to Chuse Thomas Redington Jonathan Foster John Peabody Junr Luke Hovey Junr John Hale Selectmen for ye year Ensuing also Chose ye above Named Selectmen assesors for ye year Ensuing — — — — — —
Chose William Foster Town Clerk for ye year Ensuing
Chose John Smith Constable for ye South Side of sd town for ye year Ensuing: Chose moses Parley Constable for ye North Side
The Town voted to accept of francies Peabody to Serve as Constable in ye Room of moses Parley afores,d which is to Be understood to answer for a turn of sd Perley ——

Chose Nathan Wood amos Kimball
Retire Baron Jacob Cumings
Stephen Runells John Peabody
} Surveyours for ye year Ensuing

Chose Ebenezar Curtis Joseph Stickney
Gideon Tyler Saml Cole Jur
} Tythingmen for ye year Ensuing

Chose Jonathan Wood and Soloman Wood Fence vewers —
Elijah Dorman Clark of ye markett Aaron Kimball Sealer of Leather for ye year Ensuing ~~~~~~
Chose Benjamin Porter Aaron Kimball Joseph Hovey James Andrews Joseph Curtis & Paul prichard Hogrevers for ye year Ensuing # Chose Thomas Perley Town Treasurer for ye year Ensuing — — — — — — — —

It was put to ye Vote whether ye Town would abate ye Rates of Nathaniel Rogers in Constable Stickney List and it passed in ye Negitive Voted to alow Benjamin Porter two pounds, ten Shillings old tenor for Bringing ye Scool master from Boston ——
Voted to moses Porter thirty Shillings pr week for Bording ye Scoolmaster ten weeks old tenor ——
Voted to Robert Andrews three pounds old tenor for serving as Treasurer ye Last year Voted to John peabody Six Shillings old tenor In full for a Staple for ye pound. Voted to Benjamin porter Luke Hovey Junr William Foster & Jonathan Wood fifteen

Fifteen Shillings In bills of ye New tenor for there Servic
in Drawing Coppies of ye Single List for ye year 1745 and
Sending them to Boston according to Court order
All the above officers that ware Chosen for
ye year Ensuing are Duly Sworn to there the
faithfull Discharge of there Respective Office Except
Thomas Redington and Saml Cole Jnr

at a legal town meeting held in Boxford may ye
28 1750 Chose Jonathan Foster moderator for ye
said meeting. Chose Nathaniel Symonds to Petition ye
General Sessions of ye Peace to be holden at Salem in July next to Release the fine
Lay on ye Town at Ipswich for want of a Schole master
Voted that the Town Should have ye Direction of
ye Estate of John Chambers and See that he be
Comfortably Supported till the Same be Spent
Voted to John Peabody Jnr two Pounds Eighteen Shillings
& Eight pence to find Prulla Ramsdell House
Room & Fire Wood for one year - Voted to Ebenezr
Sherwin two pounds For ye Support of Mary Cole
for ye year Ensuing. Voted to Be at ye Charge
of Carrying or Conveying Susanna Hatters alies
Laralee to Boston Voted to abate ye Widow
ali Peabody Rates for ye two years past
Voted to abate Simmons Millers Rates to Nathan
Kimballs List Chose Ebenezar Hildra Selectman
and asseor for ye year Ensuing who is Sworn to ye office
Voted to John Stiles & Nathaniel Symonds five pounds
Six Shillings & Eight pence for making a Pound
Voted to Nathan Kimball twelve Shillings old tenor
for Returning Warrents. Voted to Nathan Eams Eight
Shillings Lawfull money for Bording Schoolmaster
two weeks

At a legal Town meeting held in Boxford October ye 15. 1750. —
1 Chose Jonathan Foster moderator.
Voted to Richard Pearl ye Sum of one pound five Shillings & Four Pence Lawfull money In full for Bording Mr Varney
2 Voted that Richard Pearl have as much pr week for Bording Mr Tucker as others had for Bording Mr Tucker
3. Voted to Captn Perley Four Shilling pr week Lawfull money for Bording Mr Varney — Voted to Will Foster. Eighteen Shillings & Eight pence Lawfull money for Service Done & Cash paid by him for ye Town — Voted ye Sum of Fifty three pounds Six Shilling & Eight pence Lawfull money to Defray Town Charge. — Voted that ye Selectmen take Care of John Chambers at ye Towns Charge // Voted that the Selectmen agree with Ebenezar Curtice Conserning his Extrordnary Charge. In taking Care of Pricilla Ramsdeel & Lay ye matter Before ye Town at ther Next meeting

At a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford on March 12th 1750

1st Chose Jonathan Foster Moderator for sd meeting
2ly Chose Jonathan Foster Selectman
3ly Chose Joseph Hale Jur Selectman
4ly Chose Aaron Kimball Selectman
5ly Chose Joseph Hovey Selectman
6ly Chose Jacob Cummings Selectmen

Voted that the Selectmen Serve as Assessors ye year ensuing

7ly Chose Thomas Redington Town Clerk
8ly Chose William Foster Constable
9ly Chose Stephen Runnels Constable

6ly Chose Thomas Perley Town Treasurer
Chose Jonathan Byxbe. Isaac Adams. Retire Bacon
Luke Hovey Jur.
Jonathan Wood & John Dorman Surveyers of ways
ye year ensuing
Chose Ephraim Kimball Jur. Jonath peabody Jur Nathan
Barker & Moses porter Tythingmen
Chose Asa perley & Francis perley fence viewers
Chose Elijah Dorman Clerk of ye market
Chose Aaron Kimball Sealer of Leather
Chose Stephen Merrel. David Wood. Thos Andrews
Francis perley John Killam & Samll Dorman
Hogg-reaves Thos peabody. George Carlton Dear
Reaves
voted to mend ye ways in ye Town by Rate or Tax
voted that ye Swine go at large the year ensuing
Voted to abate Isaac Dodges Head, & that part of
his personal Estate which he was Rated for his
Negro in Constable Thos peabodys list
Voted to abate Benjamin pearls Rates in Constable
Thos peabodys list
Voted to abate Mark Snellings Rate in Thos peabodys
list
Voted to abate Abial Barkers Rate in Abner Hales list
Voted to abate Hubbard Goulds Rates Thos peabodys list
Voted to abate ye Rates of Andrew Bradstreet in
Joseph Stickneys list
Voted to allow Ebenr Killam 4s/ per week for
boarding Mr Verney Six weeks
voted to allow Nathll Smith 4s/ per week for
for boarding ye Schoolmaster Six weeks
Voted to allow John peabody 1-10½ for a padlock
for ye pound

All ye Assessors Constables & Treasurer and also Francis Perley.
Retire Bacon. Ephraim Kimball. & John Killam have sworn to ye
faithfull discharge of their office. And also ye oath respecting [illegible]

Att a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford May
20th 1751
1st Chose Mr Jonathan Foster Moderator
2ly voted to raise Sixteen pounds to repair and mend
ye Rodes or high ways ye present year
3ly voted to allow one shilling and eight pence
a day for Such as shall work at mending sd ways
ye present year
4ly voted to allow eight pence pr day for a yoke
of oxen & 4d for a Cart to work at sd ways

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5ly Chose Stephen Runnels Constable
6ly voted that ye Selectmen shall let out ye five acres of Land belonging to ye Town to ye highest bidder this year
7ly voted that ye Selectmen shall hire a School-master
8ly voted to give Samll Fisk two pounds twelve Shillings if he find priscila Ramsdell with house room & fire wood one year

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Att a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford on Sept 13th 1751
1ly Chose mr Jonathan Foster Moderator
2ly voted to reconsider & nul ye votes that have been past in our Town to mend ye ways by way of Rate
3ly voted to allow Ebenr Sherwin one pound twelve Shillings if he keep Mary Cole one year from May last
4ly voted forty pounds for a Town Rate to defray ye Town Charges for ye Currant year
5ly voted to allow 8 Shillings to each of ye Assessors for ye last year, for their Service

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Att a Legal Town meeting Held in Boxford march 10th 1752
(1ly) Chose Thomas Peabody moderator for said meeting
(2ly) Chose Thomas Peabody Select man for ye year Ensuing
(3ly) Chose John Dorman Select man for ye year Ensuing
(4ly) Chose Francis Perley Select man for ye year Ensuing
(5ly) Chose Richard Kimbal junr Select man for ye year Ensuing
(6ly) Chose John Hale Select man for the year Ensuing
(7ly) voted that ye above named Select men Shall serve as assessors ye year Ensuing
(8ly) Chose Thomas Perley Town Clerk for ye year Ensuing
(9ly) Chose Ebenezer Curtis Constable for ye South Side of sd Town for ye year Ensuing
(10ly) Chose Zebediah Foster Constable for ye north side of sd Town for ye year Ensuing
(11ly) Chose Aaron Kimble Town Tresurer for ye year Ensuing
(12ly) Chose Paul Prichard Gedion Tyler Richard Pearl Lt Jeremiah Foster James Andrews Nathan Andrews James Curtis junr Nathan Wood Surveyers of Ways for the year Ensuing
13ly) Chose Samuel Fisk John Peabody junr Deacon Thomas Chadwick & John Chadwick junr Tything men for ye year Ensuing

(14ly) Chose Elijah Dorman Clerk of ye market and Aaron Kimball Sealer of Leather for ye year Ensuing

15ly Chose Jacob Cummings & John Peabody fence viewers for ye year Ensuing

16ly Chose Ephraim Kimball moses perley Joseph Curtis Ketier Bacon Abraham Peabody Benjamin Curtis Nathll Smith Hog Reves

17ly Chose Gnt Gorge Carlton & John Peabody jur Deer Reeves for ye year Ensuing

18ly It Was put to vote to See if ye Town would Establish approbate and Confirm a privet way or Town Rode Laid out by ye Selectmen of Boxford on ye Southwesterly Side of ye Brook Through Ephraim Chadwicks Land & Through ye Land of John Chadwick jur in or near Whear people pass to ye meeting House in ye Second parish In Boxford as may fully appear by ye Return of sd Rode & allso To nul & make voide a Way formerly Laid out from where the above sd Rode begins over ye Brook & plain to ye Rode from Hoveys & Peabodys to ye above sd meeting House. And it past in ye affirmative

(19ly) voted to alow Constable Stephen Runnels six Shillings which he paid for ye Return of six Warrants

(20ly) voted to abate mathew Hardys Rates in Constable Thos Peabodys List

All the above officers that ware Chosen for ye year Ensuing are Duly Sworn to the Faithful Discharge of their Respective Offices & allso ye oath Respecting Bills of Credit. Except Samuel Fisk Elijah Dorman Ketier Bacon Ephraim Kimbal Zebediah Foster Nathll Smith Nathan Wood Richard Perl and Gorge Carlton ~~[illegible]~~

Att a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford on may ye 19 · 1752

1ly Chose Thomas Peabody moderator

2ly voted to Hier Mr Aaron Wood to Keep School the other Three Quarters of ye present year besides What he is hiered for allready

3ly voted that this be a Rule or Town act for ye futer. That Whosoever Shall have any Law Book or any Book or Books of Record belonging to ye Town That is the Town Clerk Town Tresurer or Assessors or any other person or persons thay Shall Forfit and pay to ye use of the Town ye Sum of Forty Shillings if they do not bring or Send such Book or Books to the anavarsary Town meeting yearly & Every year & if they Cannot attend ye meting To Deliver ye Same to one or more of the Selectmen So that all Books belonging to ye Town may be Laid before the Town yearly

4ly voted to Draw money out of the Town Tresury to pay the Last County Rate

5ly voted to allow Aaron Kimbal 4s. pr. week for Bording mr. Aaron Wood Thirteen weeks

6ly Chose Solomon Wood servayer of ways

7ly Chose William Lakemen Serveayer of ways. Said Serveayers being Sworn to ye faithfull dischorge of their office & allso ye oath Respecting Bills of Credit.

Atta Legal Town meeting Held In Boxford June ye 29. 1752

1ly Chose Thomas Peabody moderator

2. Chose Jacob Cumings Aaron Kimbal & Thomas Andrew a Comtee for & in behalf of the Town to agree with Ketier Bacon on the acount of a Law Sute which he has Commincd against the Town

3. Chose Thomas Peabody as agent for & in behalf of ye Town to Answer to Ketier Bacon at Salem Court on the Second Tuesday In July next. on ye acount of a Law Sute which he has Comminced a Gainst the Town

Att a Legal Town meeting Held In Boxford Sept. 25th, 1752

1 Chose Thomas Peabody moderator

2 Voted to give Ketier Bacon Six pounds on ye account of ye Lawsute he has Comminced against the Town if he Doth Except ye above sd. Sum and Engage to Let Drop the abovesd. action

3 voted Forty Pound Lawful money to Defray Town Chrges

4 voted Two Shillings & Eight pence to Thomas Andrews and Jacob Cummings for Serving ye Town In trying to agree With Ketier Bacon on ye account of a Lawsute he Comminced against ye Town / voted to Ebenezer Curtice four Shillings for Takeing Care of Presillia Ramsdil three weeks In her Sickness in ye year 1750 / voted To Thomas Peabody one pound four Shillings & four pence for his Serving ye Town as agent at Salem Court July ye 14: 1752: In ye Cause of Ketier Bacon. & allso one pound Two Shillings for his Boording Mr. Verney five Weeks & 3 Days when he Keept School for ye Town in ye year 1750 voted to alow Ebenr. Sherwin one pound Twelve Shillings If he Keep mary Cole one year from the 20 of may Last

November ye 24:1752 Zebediah Foster Was sworn to the office of a Constable & allso ye oath Respecting Bills of Credit

Att a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford march ye 13:1753

1ly Chose Jonathan Foster moderator

2ly Chose Jonathan Foster William Foster Richard Kimbal John Peabody junr & Solomon Wood Select men & assessors for the year Ensuing

3ly Chose Thomas Perley Town Clerk for ye year Ensuing

4ly Chose John Hale Constabl for ye South Destrect for ye Ensuing year

5ly Chose Job Tyler Constable for ye North Destrect for ye year ensuing

6ly Chose Francies Perley Samuel Fisk Nathan Kimbal moses Porter & Luke Hovey Serveyers of ways for ye year ensuing

7ly Chose Ebenezer Curtis Jonathan Wood Nathan Barker and Ephraim Chadwick Tything men for ye year Ensuing

8ly Chose Ebenezer Kittam & Joseph Curtis fence viewers for ye year

9ly Chose Francies Perley Town Treasurer for ye year Ensuing

10ly Chose Elijah Dorman Clerk of ye markit for ye year Ensuing

11ly Chose Aaron Kimbal Sealler of Leather for ye year

12ly Chose Jacob Cummings Stephen Gould Joseph Hovey William Spafford & Abraham Peabody hoggreves

13ly Voted that Thomas Peabody John Peabody junr & Thomas Perley be a Comtee to make Inquiery after Some of ye Towns Books that are Lost & to prosecute such person or persons as shall do neglect or Refuse to Bring any of ye Towns Books accor-ding to the Town order past at ye Town meeting in may Last

14ly It was put to Vote To see if ye Town Will pay Mr John Chadwick The Damiage That ye Jury has apprised the way at Laid Through his Land by ye Court. and it past in the negetive

all the above officers are Duly sworn to ye faithful Dischargeof their Respective offices & allso ye oath Respecting Bills of Credit Excepting John Hale Moses porter Luke Hovey Jonathan Wood and Abraham Peabody

may ye 12:1753 Abraham Peabody was sworn to ye faithful Discharge of his office & allso ye oath Respecting Bills of Credit

may ye 23:1753 Luke Hovey & Moses Porter was sworn to the office of Serveyers & allso ye oath Respectin Bills of Credit

At a Legal Town meeting held In Boxford may ye 28 : 1753 ——
1.ly Chose Jonathan Foster moderater for said meeting ——
2.ly Chose John Hale Constable & Sworn to his office & ye oath Respecting bills
3.ly It was put to vate to see if the Town will pay mr John Chadwick the Damage that the Jury has appriseed the way at Laid through his Land By the Court. and it past in the negetive —— ——
4.ly Voted to alow Nathan Wood 4/ pr week for Bourding the School master forteen weeks —— ——
5.ly Voted to the Widow Sarah Wood 4/ pr Week for Boarding the School master forteen weeks —— ——
6.ly Voted to allow Solomon Dodge 4/ pr Week for Boarding the Schoolmaster forteen weeks —— ——

At a Legal Town meeing held in Boxford September ye 17 : 1753 ——
1.ly Chose William Foster moderator for said meeting ——
2.ly Chose Thomas Andrews Clerk for sd Day an Sworn ——
3.ly Voted to Ebenezer Shirwin one pound forteen Shillings Lawful money for Keeping mary Cole on year fron ye first of June Last
4.ly Voted to John Smith Eight Shillings Lawful money for his warning out of Town Divers persons & Returning ye warrants also voted to him Two Shillings and Eight pence Lawful money for his notifing The Town officers a second Time to take their oaths ——
5.ly Voted to Rais Thirty Two pound Lawful money to Defray ye Charges of said Town this present year —— ——
6.ly Voted to James Andrews one pound forteen Shillings Lawful money for his Bording mr Aaron Wood Eight weeks & four Days when he Keept School for the Town Last Spring ——

At a Legal Town meeting Held In Boxford march ye 12: 1754
1.ly Chose mr Jonathan Foster moderator for sd meeting
2. Chose Thomas Peabody Select man for ye year Ensuing
3. Chose Thomas Perley Select man for ye year Ensuing
4. Chose Job Tyler Selectman for ye year Ensuing
5. Chose Thomas Andrews Selectman for ye year Ensuing
6. Chose paul prichard Selectman for ye year Ensuing
7. voted that ye Selectmen serve as Assessors for ye yeer Ensuing
8. Chose Thomas perley Town Clerk for ye yer Ensuing
9. Chose Asa perley Constable for ye South Side of ye Town
10. Chose Isaac Adams Constable for ye North Side of ye Town
11. Chose Francis perley Town Treasurer for ye Ensuing year
12. Chose Nathaniel Andrews John peabody jur James Curtice Jur Solomon Dodge Daniel Black Richard perl Samuel Cole jur Surveyers of high ways for ye Ensuing year
13. Chose Jonathan Wood & Elijah Dorman fence Vewers.

14. Chose James Andrews Jonathan Byxby John Cole & John
Chadwick jur. Tythingmen for the Ensuing year ———
15. Chose Jonathan Wood Sealler of Leather ———
16. Chose Samuel Fisk Sealler of waights & measures for ye year
17. Chose William Foster Ephraim Kimball jur Wilm. Spafford
Benjamin Porter jur. Jonathan Sherwin James Curtice jur.
Francis Perley & Ephraim Kimball Hog reeves for ye year Ensuing
18. Chose Thos. Peabody & Benjamin Goodridge Deer reeves ———
19. The Town Chose Thomas Andrews Nathan Wood & Thomas Perley
a Comtee to Treat with Mr. John Chadwick and See on what Terms
he will agree with the Town on acount of a Road Laid out
over his Land by order of the Honbl. Sessions of the peace:
and to make Report to the Town ———
20. it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Establish a private Town
way Laid out by the Selectmen of Boxford from Moses Eames's gate to
Midletown Line as may appear by ye Return of sd. Road. and it
past In the affearmitive ———
21. It was put to Vote to See If the Town would Establish a way
Laid out by the Selectmen of Boxford from Mr. John Symonds's Land to the
Road that Leads from Andover to Topsfield: as may appear by ye
Return of sd. Road: and it past in the affermetive ———
The Returns of ye above sd. Roads are as followeth ———
Att The Desire of a number of petitioners for a way from Tylers
plain To Middleton Line ——— We The Subscribers Have Laid out
a private Town way one rod & half wide Begining at Moses Eames's Cart gate by ye Road
that Leads from Andover to Ipswich Leading into Land of Moses
Eames & as ye paith now goes on sd. Eames's Land betwen his two
Barns So on as ye paith now goes to Land of Jonathan Eames
So on as the way now goes to Land of Richard Kimball So on
as ye paith Now goes to Land of Amos Kimball & So on as the
paith now goes By the East End of sd. Kimballs House to ye Road that
Leads from Andover to Topsfield Then from Emerys Gate by sd. Road
throw Emerys land as ye paith now goes to ye fishing Brook to Jonathan
Byxbys Land & through sd. Bixbys Land to John Stiles's Land & Through
sd. Stiles: Land as ye paith now goes to ye wd. Sarah Kinsmans Land
and Through sd. Kinsmans Land to Stephen Goulds Land & Through sd.
Goulds Land as ye paith now goes to Land of Jacob Cumings & through
his Land as ye paith now goes to Ebenezer Curtice: Land & Through
sd. Curtices Land as ye path now goes to Land of Mr. Natll. Symonds & Through sd.
Symonds's Land as ye path now goes to Land of John Symonds &
Through his Land as ye paith now goes to John Goulds Land & Through
Said Goulds Land as ye paith now goes to James Curtice: Land &
Through sd. Curtices Land as ye path now goes to Land of Joseph
Curtice & Through his Land as ye paith now goes to Land of James
Curtice jur. & through his Land as ye paith now goes to Land of the
widow Giles & William Giles and through their Land as ye paith now goes

To Land of Ebenezer Killam & Through s^d Killams Land as ye paith now goes to Land of John Killam & through s^d Johns Land as ye paith now goes to Land of ye widow Standley & through her Land as ye paith now goes to goots Land Land & through s^d goots Land as ye path now goes to ye above s^d John Killams Land & through said Killams Land as ye paith now goes to middleton Line

Boxford Feb^r ye 26: 1754

Jonathan Foster
Richard Kimball
John Peabody ju^r
} Selectmen for Boxford

This may Certify That we ye Subscribers have Laid out a private way one Rod & half wide Begining at ye North Side of Mr John Symonds: Land. a Cross ye widow Hannah Andrews is Land to Land of Thomas Perkins & a cross s^d Perkins Land to ye Road that Leads from Andover to Topsfield the above S^d way to goe whare ye path now goes

Laid out by us
Boxford Feb^r ye 26: 1754

Jonathan Foster
Richard Kimball
John Peabody ju^r
} Selectmen for Boxford

All the above officers Chosen for ye year Ensuing are Duly Sworn to Their faithful Discharge of their Respective offices & allso the oath Respecting Bills of Credit of ye neighburing goverments: Excepting James Andrews Jonathan Wood Benjamin Porter ju^r Jonathan Sherwin & Benjamin Goodridge

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Att a Legal Town meeting held In Boxford on the 13th Day of may: 1754

1^ly Chose Mr Thomas Peabody moderator

2^ly voted to Build a new pound In y^e Second parish In the Town

3^ly Chose Deacon Thomas Chadwick Francis Perley & Joseph Hovey a Com^tee to build said pound

4^ly voted to Ebenezer Curtice 5^s = 4 for warning Israel Davis & his family out of Town And Returning the warrant

5^ly vated to alow John Chadwick ju^r 4^s p^r week for his Bording Mr Butler our Schoolmaster thirteen weeks ~~& 4 Days~~

6^ly vated to Joseph Hovey 4^s. p^r Week for Boarding our Schoolmaster Eight weeks & Six Days

7^ly vate to alow Aaron Kimball 4^s: p^r Week fo Boarding the Schoolmaster Eight Weeks & two Days

8^ly vated to John Killiam 4^s: p^r Week for Boarding ye Schoolmaster Eight weeks & Six Days

9^ly voted to abate Samuel Tapleys Rates In Constable William Fosters List

Att a Legal Town meeting held In Boxford on ye 20th Day of September 1754: (1ly) Chose Thomas peabody moderator ——

2ly There was then Laid before the Town an Extract from a bill Intitled an act for Granting to His majesty an Excise upon wines Spirits &c — Expended In privat Familys within this prvince not Bought of an Innholder or Retailer & in a Quantyti Less then Thirty Gallons — It was put to Vote to See if the aforesaid Extract or Bill was agreable to ye minds of ye Town and it past in the affurmitive —— —— ——

3ly Voted to allow ye widow Sarah Wood 4/ pr week for Bording Mr Brown our Schoolmaster 4 weeks and a half ——

4ly voted Forty pounds for a Town Rate to Defray the Town Charges for the Currant year —— —— ——

Att a Legal Town meeting held In Boxford on ye 11: Day of march 1755 —— —— ——

1ly Chose Mr Thomas peabody moderator ——

2ly Chose Thomas perley Capt Isaac Adams Jacob Commings Levt Joseph Hovey and Solomon Wood Select men for the Ensuing year & allso Chose them Assessors for the Ensuing year —— —— ——

3ly Chose Thomas perley Town Clerk for ye Ensuing year ——

4ly Chose James Curtice junr Constable for ye South Destrict for the Ensuing year —— ——

5ly Chose Ephraim Chadwick Constable for the North Destrect for the Ensuing year —— —— ——

6ly Chose Capt Francis perley Treasurer for ye Ensuing year

7ly Chose Nathaniel Smith Levt Jeremiah Foster Ebenezer Killam Daniel Black Stephen Gould Nathan Wood Luke Hovey Samuel Carleton & John Chadwick junr —— —— } Serveyers of ways for ye Ensuing year —

8ly Chose James Andrews and Ezra Stiles fence viewers for the Ensuing year —— —— ——

9ly Chose John peabody junr Aaron Kimball Stephen Runnels & Abraham peabody Tything men for ye Ensuing year ——

10ly Chose Aaron Kimbal Sealler of Leather —— ——

11ly Chose William Giles Ezra Stiles William Spafford Nathaniel Andrews Nathan Wood Joseph Curtice Jonathan Wood Jonathan Sherwin Nathaniel peabody John Symonds & Thomas Andrews Hog Reves —— ——

12ly Chose Samuel Fisk Sealler of weights and measuers for ye Ensuing year —— —— ——

13ly Chose John Hovey & Abner Hale Deer Reves ——

all ye above officers Chosen for ye year Ensuing are Duely Sworn to ye faithful discharge of their Respective offices & allso ye oath Respecting Bills of Credit / Excepting Francis perley Jonathan Wood John Hovey and Abner Hale / June ye 27: 1755 John Hovey Sworn to his offices and allso ye oath Respecting Bills of Credit

Capt Francis perley Sworn to ye office of Treas. and allso ye oath Respecting Bills of Credit +

14.ly voted to pay Mr. Ebenezer Sherwin ye Some of one pound Twelve Shillings money. for his Keeping mary Cole this present year (viz) from ye first Day of June Last to ye first Day of June next

15.ly Voted To Establish approbate and Confirm a privat way or Town Road Through from Andover Line to Bradford Line Through ye Land of Mr. Nathan Eames & others. as may appear by the Return of the Select men

16.ly Voted to pay ye Extraordenary Charge that any former Town Treasurers may be at In prosicuting any Dificient Constable or Constables. that neglect to pay their Dues

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The Return of ye above sd. way Is as followeth

As There has been a petition of Sundry Inhabitants of ye Town of Boxford preferd. To us the Subscribers &c To Layout a privat Town Way from Andover Line to Bradford Line. and in answer thareto we have Laidout a privat Town Way or Road Two Rods in Wedeth — Beginning at Andover Line at a White oake Tree Standing In or near sd. Line the Way to Extend Two Rods to ye North of sd. Tree then Easterly on the Land of Mr Nathan Eames to a heep of Stones In a hallow Then on ye Northarly Side of a Rock and So along about Four Rods on ye North of his Barn into ye Way that Leads to ye house formerly Nathaniel Hardys Decd. on ye Southerly Side of ye Same Through ye Land Belonging to ye Heirs of Stephen Runnels Decd. To ye Land of Luke Hovey as ye path now is made & through sd. Hoveys Land to a way Laidout & allowd. by ye proprietors of Nelsons farm So Calld. into the way that Lyes betwen ye Land of Thomas peabody and Sherwin then to ye Land in the possission of William Lakeman and as the path now is made to ye Corner of pearls Land then as ye path or way formerly was made to Land belonging to Sherwin then betwen the Land of sd. Lakeman & said Sherwin whare ye path was made formerly to ye Land now belonging To Josiah Sessions and Throu. His Land as ye path now is made By the Sawmill to Bradford Line. sd. way to be two Rods wide In all placis as afores.d

And as the prayer of the sd. petition Doth not Debarr any from hanging gates for their owne benifet So we have Laid out ye aboves.d way according to ye prayer thereof

Dated march ye 11th.
AD: 1755

Job Tyler
Thomas peabody
Thomas Andrews
Thomas perley
} Selectmen of Boxford

Att a Legal Town meeting held In Boxford on ye 20th Day of may: 1755

1ly Chose Thomas perley moderator for sd meeting

2ly Voted to abate Benjamin Rogers's Rates for his head In Constable Asa perleys List

3ly Voted to abate Nathan Kimballs Rates for his Sons Head In Constable Job Tylers List

4ly Voted to allow John Killiam 4/ pr week for Bording Mr Brown our Schoolmaster five weeks & two Days

5ly Voted to allow ye Widow Sarah perley 4/ pr week for Bording Mr Brown our Schoolmaster thirteen weeks and three Days

6ly Voted to allow ye widow Hannah Andrews 4/ pr week for Bording Mr Brown our Schoolmaster Seven weeks

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Att a Legal Town meeting held In Boxford on ye 16 of Sept. 1755

1ly Chose Leut. Jeremiah Foster moderator

2ly Voted fifty Three pound Six Shillings & Eight pence for a Town Rate to Defray ye Town Charges for ye Currant year

3ly Voted to Aaron Kimbal 4/ pr week for Bording Mr Brown our Schoolmaster Six weeks

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Att a Legal Town meeting held In Boxford on ye 9th Day of march: 1756

1ly Chose Thomas peabody moderator

2ly Chose John peabody Luke Hovey Solomon Wood Nathan Barker Samuel Fisk Select men & Assesors for ye Ensuing year

3ly Chose Thomas perley Town Clerk for ye Ensuing year

4ly Chose Thomas Andrews Constable for ye South Distrect for the year Ensuing

5ly Chose Amos Kimbal Constable for the North Distrect for the Ensuing year

6ly Chose Aaron Kimball Trasurer for ye Ensuin year

7ly Chose Samuel Dorman Aaron Kimball Ebenezer Killam Thomas perley Jonathan Wood Leut. Joseph Hovey Nathan Kimbal Moses porter Nathaniel Symonds Surveyers of ways for ye year Ensuing

8ly Chose James Andrews Joseph Stickney Samuel Carleton Jonathan Sherwen Tythingmen

9ly Chose Aaron Kimbal Sealler of Leather

10 Chose William Eiles Thomas Kimbal Moses perley Joseph Curtice Nathan Wood Abraham peabody William Lakemun hogreves for the Ensuing year

11 Chose Leut. Jeremiah Fosler & Richard Kimbal ~~fence Viewers~~ for the Ensuing year

12 Chose William Lakeman Jonathan Wood Dear Reves for ye Ensuing yr

13 Chose Nathaniel peabody Nathaniel Smith field Drivers for the Ensuing year

All the above officers Chosen for ye Ensuing year ar Duly Sworn to their Respective offices & allso ye oath Respecting Bills of Credit — Excepting Aaron Kimball as Treasurer & Jonathan Sherwin Tythingman Samuel Fisk Assesor

June ye 10: 1756 Samuel Fisk Sworn to ye office of Assesor & allso ye oath Respecting Bills of Credit

14.ly Voted to mend & Keep in Repair the High ways and road by a Rate the year Ensuing
15.ly Voted that Eighty pounds Lawful money be asessed in order for Keeping in repair High-ways & Roads afore sd
16.ly Voted two Shillings pr Day for a man to work on sd Roads and one Shilling & 4/ pr Day for a yoke of oxen and 8/ pr Day for a Cart & one Shilling pr Day for a plough
17.ly Voted that the Respective Surveyers in their Distrects Cause that the Sums of money Commted to them in their Several Lists. Be workd out in the Season of ye year for sd work
18.ly Voted that Swine Should not go at Large being well yoaked & Ringd
19.ly Voted to allow Deacon Thomas Chadwick Eight pound Lawful money for building a pound near moses porters
20.ly Voted to allow Mr John Cushing 4s/ pr week for Bording the Schoolmaster one Quarter of a year
21.ly Voted to allow James Andrews 4s/ per week for Bording Mr Brown our Schoolmaster Six weeks & 2 Days

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Att a Legal Town meeting held In Boxford may 20th 1756
1.ly Chose Mr Jonathan Foster moderator for sd meeting
2.ly Chose Nathaniel Symonds & Joseph Hale ye 3: Tythingmen for the present year — who wear then Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their office & ye oath Respecting Bills of Credit of ye naburing Goverments
3.ly Voted to allow Leut Joseph Hovey 4s/ pr week for Bording the School-master thirteen weeks
4.ly Voted to allow Constable James Curtice 6s=8/ for warning Thomas Morroson mary Hadlock. moses perkins and his family out of Town & Returng ye warrants
5.ly Voted to abate Asa Burbanks. Town & province Rates in Constables Ephraim Chadwicks Lists
6.ly Voted to allow Abner Hale one Shilling for warning Samuel Very out of Town

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August ye 16:1756 John peabody & Solomon Wood wear Sworn to ye takeing the Valuation of the Estates in Boxford agreeable to an act or Law of this province

August ye 31:1756 Luke Hovey & Samuel Fisk ware Sworn to ye takeing the valuation of ye Estates In Boxford agreeable to an act or Law of this province

Att a Legal Town meeting held In Boxford on ye 31: of Augst 1756
1:ly Chose Mr. Aaron Kimbell moderator
2:ly Vated Sixty pounds to be Raised & atresed to Defray Town Charges for ye presand year
3:ly Chose Capt. Francis perley Town treasurer for the present year — who is Sworn to ye faithful Discharge of his office and allso ye oath Respecting bills of Credit
4:ly Vated to Lay ye County tax In the Town Rate
5:ly Vated to allow Solomon Wood four Shillings pr. week for Bording Mr. Whittemore our Schoolmaster thirteen weeks

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At a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford on ye 8: Day of march 1757
1:ly Chose John peabody moderator for sd. meeting
2:ly Chose Thomas perley Selectman for ye year Ensuing
3:ly Chose Lent. Joseph Hovey Selectman for ye year Ensuing
4:ly ~~Chose~~ Aaron Kimball Selectman for ye year Ensuing
5:ly Chose moses porter Selectman for ye year Ensuing
6:ly Chose Jacob Cumings Selectman for the year Ensuing
voted yt ye above sd. Selectmen serve as Assessors ye year Ensuing
7:ly ~~Chose Thomas~~ perley Town Clerk for ye year Ensuing
8:ly Chose Joseph Curtice Constable for ye South Distrect for ye year Ensuing
9:ly Chose Richard perl Constable for ye North Distrect for ye year Ensuing
10:ly Chose Capt. Francies perley Town treasurer for ye year Ensuing
11:ly Chose Nathaniel Symonds Ebenezer Killum Benjamin Goodridge John Kimball Jr. Nathan Andrews John Hall Nathan Wood Stephen merrel Gedion Tyler Samuel Spafford jur. Serveayers of ways for the year Ensuing
12:ly Chose James Curtice jur. Jonathan Wood Nathan Barker & Nathll. peabody Tything men for the year Ensuing
13:ly Chose Ebenezer Curtice Sealer of Leather for ye year Ensuing
14:ly Chose John peabody Capt. Francies perley David Wood James Curtice jur. Asa perley Ebenezer Curtice Capt. Isaac Adams Lent. Joseph Hovey hogreves for ye year Ensuing
15:ly Chose Thomas Andrews & Benjamin Goodridge fence viewers
16:ly Chose Jonathan Wood & Gedion Tyler to inspect ye Killing of Dear
17:ly Chose Samuel Fisk Sealer of weights & measuers
18:ly Vated to Abate Benjamin Stiles his pole tax to ye province in Constables Thomas Andrews is List
19:ly Voted to allow Benjamin perley six Shillings & 1d. for Keeping Mr. whittemore hors: 7 weeks
20:ly Vated to Allow John Goodridge 4s= 3. for Keeping the Schoolmasters hors 4: weeks
21:ly Vated to Allow John Hall 3: for keeping ye Schoolmasters hors 2: weeks
22:ly Vated to allow Asa perley 4: for warning three persons out of Town & Returning the warrants
All the officers above Chosen for ye Insuing year are Duly Sworn to their Respective offices & allso the oath Respecting Bills of Credit Excepting Nathaniel peabody Tything man — Jonathan Wood & Gedion Tyler for ye Inspecting of the Killing Dear — Joseph Hovey hogreve

At a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford on the Eighteenth Day of may 1757

1.ly Chose Mr. Thomas peabody moderator for sd. meeting

2.ly Voted three Shillings to Ephraim Chadwick for warning three persons out of Town & Returning the warrants

3.ly Voted four Shillings to Capt. Isaac Adams for makeing Return of four persons by him warned out of Town

4.ly Voted Eighteen Shillings to Capt. Francies perley for Serving the Town as Treasurer three years

5.ly Voted to abate Roger Rines his Rates in Constable Amos Kimbals List

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At a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford on the nineteenth Day of September 1757

1.ly Chose Levt. Joseph Hovey moderator for sd. meeting

2.ly Voted to Raise Sixty pounds to Defray Town Charges ye present year

3.ly Voted to abate David prichards Rates in Constables James Curtice's List

4.ly Voted nine Shillings & four pence to Constable Thomas Andrews for warning Eight persons out of Town and and for the Return of the warrants

5.ly Voted one pound Eight Shillings to John Killam for Bording Mr. John Wood our Schoolmaster Seven weeks

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1758 At a Legal Meeting begun and held in Boxford on the 14th of March AD 1758

1ly. Chose Mr. John Peabody Moderator of said Meeting

2ly Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk For the year Ensuing

3ly Jonathan Forster Select Man For the year Ensuing

4ly Lievt. Asa Perley Select Man For the year Ensuing

5ly Ebenezer Killum Select Man For the year Ensuing

6ly Richard Kimball Select Man For the year Ensuing

7ly Solomon Wood Select Man For the year Ensuing

8ly Voted that the above Select Men be Assessors For the Town of Boxford For the year Ensuing all which have been Duly Sworn to the Faithfull Discharge of that offise as the Law Derects

9ly Chose Samuel Runnels Constable For Boxford North Distrect For the year Ensuing And he hath been Sworn to the Discharge of his office

10ly & Jacob Cummings Constable For Boxford South Distrect For the year Ensuing and he hath been Swoorn to the Discharge of that office as the Law Derects

11ly Chose Capt. Frances Perley Treasurer For The Town of Boxford for the year Ensuing and he has been Duly Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of his office as the Law Directs

12ly Chose James Curtice James Andrews Jonathan Sherwine And John Chadwick. Tythen Men: For the year Ensuing For the Town of Boxford: all which have been duly Sworn to the Faithfull Discharg of their office as the Law Directs

13ly Chose Nathaniel Symonds Leiut. Jeremiah Forster Daniel Black Jonathan Bixby Capt. Frances Perley Surveyors of High ways in the Town of Boxford for the year Ensuing for the First Parish and Nathan Barker Stephen Runnels & Samuel Cole Junior for the Second Parish In Said Town for the year Ensuing all of which have duly Sworn to the Faithfull Discharge of their Respective office

14ly Chose Moses Porter Amos Kimball John Chadwick John Peabody Ezra Stiles Nathaniel Perley Nathan Wood And Joseph Curtice Hogreves For The Town of Boxford For the ~~Town~~ year Ensuing: all which have been Sworn to the Faithfull Discharge of their office

15ly Chose Stephen Gould & Nathaniel Peabody Field Drivers For The year Ensuing for the Town of Boxford

16 Chose John Hale & Nathan Andrews Fence viewers for the Town of Boxford For the year Ensuing: both of which have been Duly Sworn to the Faithfull Discharge of their office

Chose David Wood & Thos. Andrews Deer reves for the Town for the year Ensuing: both of whom have been Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their office

17 Chose Samuel Fisk a Sealer of weights and Measures For the Town of Boxford for the year Ensuing who hath been Sworn to the Faithfull Discharge of his office as the Law Directs

18 Chose Aaron Kimball a Sealer of Leather for the year Ensuing for the Town of Boxford who hath been Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of his office as the Law Directs

19 it was put to vote to See if the Town would mend and repair the High ways or Town ways or other Necessary ways used in the Town by a Rate and it passed in the Negative

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20 Voted to allow Sarah Symonds Bill of Charge at 4/0 per week Six Weeks - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

21 Voted to allow the Revd. Mr. John Cushing 4/0 per week for Boarding Mr. John Wood the Town School-Master one quarter of a year from the 14 of November 1757 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

22 Voted to allow Abraham Reddington 4/0 per Week for Boarding Mr. John Wood School Master Six Weeks and four Days - - -

23 Voted to allow Aaron Kimball 4/0 per Week for Boarding Mr. John Wood School Master Six Weeks & 3 Days - - - - -

24 it was put to Vote to See if the Swine in the Town of Boxford Should go at Large and it passed in the affirmative

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At a Legal Town Meeting began and Held at Boxford May 22 Ao 1758. -

1ly Mr. Jonathan Foster Moderator of Said Meeting

2ly it was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate Mathew Hardys Rats in Constable Amos Kimballs List or any part of them or to Abate his head therein And it passed in the Negative - - - -

3ly Bills of Charge was Called for and None allowed

At a Legal Town-Meeting begun and Held at Boxford Monday the 9th Day of October Ao 1758. —

1ly Chose Mr. Jonathan Foster Moderator of Said Meeting

2ly Voted to Raise 60£ to Defray ye Charges arisen and arising this present year

3ly it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Chuse a Committee to Regulate the School for the future for so Long a time as the Town Should see fitt & Determine what proportion of time it Should be Kept in Each part of the Town. and it passed in the Negative —

4ly Voted to allow Solomon Wood 4/0 per Week, for four Weeks for Boarding the School Master said Bill Being Dated in June 1758

5ly Voted to allow Jos. Hoveys Bill of Charge for Boarding the School Master Six Weeks (viz) from the 27th of Feb. to the 10th of March 1758. 4/0 per Week

6. Voted to allow Joseph Curtis's Bill of Charge for warning out five Persons and Returning the warrent five Shillings And for Trouble two Shillings and four pence

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At a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford on the 13th Day of march - 1759 -

Chose mr Jonathan Foster moderator for said meeting

1ly Chose mr Jonathan Foster Selectman for the year Ensuing

2ly Chose Capt Francis Perley Selectman for the year Ensuing

3ly Chose mr Samuel Fisk Selectman for the year Ensuing

4ly Chose mr John Chadwick Selectman for the year Ensuing

5ly Chose mr Nathan Wood Selectman for the year Ensuing

6ly Voted that ye above Selectmen be Assesors for ye Town of Boxford for ye year Ensuing —

7ly Chose Thomas Andrews Town Clerk for the year Ensuing

8ly Chose mr John Peabody Constable for Boxford South District for ye year Ensuing

9ly Chose mr Nathan Barker Constable for ye North District for ye year Ensuing

10ly Chose Capt Francis Perley Treasurer for the Town of Boxford for the year Ensuing

11ly Chose Stephen Gould James Andrews Asa Andrews Daniel Black Jonathan Wood Nathaniel Peabody Ephraim Chadwick Amos Spafford Servayers of ways for ye year Ensuing

12ly Chose Joseph Curtice and Solomon Wood Tythen men for the year Ensuing and Joseph Hovey and Richard Kimball

13ly Chose Aaron Kimball Sealer of Leather for ye year Ensuing

14ly Chose Samuel Fisk Sealer of weites and measures for ye year Ensuing

15ly Chose Nathl Perley Ephraim Kimball James Curtice Jur Joseph Wood Oliver Foster Hogreves for ye year Ensuing

16ly Chose mr Aaron Wood ^Francis Peabody^ Deer reves for ye year Ensuing

17ly Chose Thomas Andrews Paul Prichard Fence Veuers

18ly for ye year Ensuing ye above said offecers are Sworn to ye faithfull Discharge of their Respective office

19ly Put to Votes to See if ye Town will Chuse a man or men to take Care and provide What Shall be nesary for the Support of ye Natural French of this Town for ye year Ensuing and it past in ye Negetive —

20ly The Town Voted ye Assessors Chosen for ye year Ensuing Shall Take a New Valuation in order to Set one Estate Equel With a Nother in ye Town —

21 Voted to Alow Ebenezer Killam 4/ per week for Bording mr John Wood Six Weeks and four days

22 Voted to Allow Paul Prichard 4/ per week for Bording mr John Wood our Schoolmaster ten weeks and Six Days

23 Voted to allow ye Wid Ruth Peabody 4/ per Week for Bording mr John Wood Schoolmaster Seven Weeks

24 Voted to allow Nathl Smith 4/ per Week for Bording mr John Wood Schoolmaster Six Weeks —

Att a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford on monday ye 21th Day of may 1759

1ly Chose Mr Thomas Perley Modrator for said meeting

2ly Voted To abate Samuel Woodbury Rates in Constable Epm Chadwicks Lists

3ly Voted To abate Stephen Emerys head in Constable Jacob Cummings Lists

4ly Voted To abate Capt Thomas Backer Six Shillings and Eight pence of his Rates in Constable Jacob Cummings List

5ly put to Vote to See if the Town will Vote that Hogs Shall Run at Large this preasent year and itt past in ye Negtive

6ly put to Vote To See if ye Town will have an open high Way from the Wid Emerys Corner as the Way now gos to middleton Line and itt past in the Negtive

7ly Put to vote to See if the Town Will have an open high Way from Andover Line to Topsfield beginning at the Grate White oke tree Which is a bounds Btwen Andover and Boxford So on ye South Side of Boxford as ye Way now gos to Topsfield Line and itt past In the Negtive

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Att a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford on Fryday the Seventh day of Sept. 1759

1ly Chose mr Jonathan Foster modrator for said meeting

2ly the Town Voted to raise Sixty pounds Lawfull money to Defray town Charges for the present year

3ly put to Vote to See if the Town will Still Insist on a New Scituation also to Give Directions how the [illegible] shall make the Same and itt pasd in the negitive

4ly put to Vote to See if the Town will Impower the Selectmen to agree with Such persons as Shall appear to Board the Schoolmasters as Cheap as they Can for the Present year and itt pasd in the Negitive

Att a Legal Town meeting held in Boxford on Tuesday ye 11th Day of march 1760

(1ly) Chose mr. John Peabody Moderator for said meeting
(2ly) Chose Thomas Perley Selectman for ye year Ensuing
(3ly) Chose Luke Hovey Selectman for ye year Ensuing
(4ly) Chose Decn. Aaron Kimball Selectman for ye year Ensuing
(5ly) Chose Ensn. Gideon Tyler Selectman for ye year Ensuing
(6ly) Chose Jacob Cummings Selectman for ye year Ensuing
(7ly) Voted that ye above sd Selectmen be assesors for the Town of Boxford ye year Ensuing all which are Sworn to ye faithfull Discharge of there office

(8ly) Chose Thomas Andrews Town Clerk for ye year Ensuing And faithfully Sworn to ye Discharge of that office
(9ly) Chose Ensn. Paul Prichard Constable for Boxford South Disctritt for ye year Ensuing and Sworn to that office
(10ly) Chouse Stephen merrill Constable for Boxford North District for the year Ensuing and Sworn to that office

(11ly) Chose Capt. Francis Perley Town Treasurer for ye year Ensuing and Sworn to that office
(12ly) Nathaniel Smith James Curtice Junr John Kimball Junr Nathaniel Smith Daniel Black Jonathan Wood Samuel Cole Junr Jonathan Tiren Oliver Foster Surveyors of High Way for ye Town of Boxford ye year Ensuing and Sworn

(13ly) Chouse John Symonds Jonathan Wood Stephen Kinnee Amos Spafford Tythemen for ye year Ensuing John Symonds Amos Spafford Sworn and Jonathan Wood

(14ly) Chouse Decn. Aaron Kimball Sealer of Lether for ye year Ensuing and Sworn to that office
(15ly) Chouse Elijah Dorman Sealer of Waits and measures for ye year Ensuing
(16ly) Chouse William Eills Joseph mathews Jonathan Wood John Dorman James Curtice ir Nathl. Peabody Nathan Barker John Chadwick Joseph Hale ye 3d Hogreves for ye year Ensuing and Sworn

(17ly) Chouse Thomas Wood Ensn. Ebenezer Curtice Deer reves ffor ye year Ensuing and Sworn to ye office
(18ly) Chouse Ebenezer Killiam Thomas Andrews Fence veiwers ffor ye year Ensuing Ebenr. Killam Sworn

Thomas Andrews Sworn

(19ly) Voted Hogs go att Large in our town Being yoaked and Ringed according to Law ye year Ensuing

(20ly) Voted to Abate ye Rates of Doctor Benjamin Foster in Constable Nathan Barkers List

(21ly) put to Vote to see if ye Town will Sell ye towns Land Lying by Skippler and itt past in ye Negtive

(22ly) Voted to Abate Samuel Woodburys Rates in Constable Job Tylers List

(23ly) Voted to allow Capt Francis Perley for Being Treasurer for three years past one pound seven Shillings Lawfull money

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Att a Legal Town Meeting held at Botford On Tuesday ye 20th Day of may 1760

(1ly) Chose mr: Thomas Perley Modrator for Sd meeting

(2ly) Voted to abate Nathaniel Bixbes Rates in Constable Jacob Cummings List

(3ly) Voted to abate John Balches Rates in Constable Jacob Cummings List

(4ly) Put to Vote to abate Capt: Thomas Bakers Part of his Rates in Constable Jacob Cummings List and it passing ye Negtive

(5ly) Voted to abate Thomas Hovey Rates in Constable Nathan Barkers List

(6ly) Voted to allow John Peabody five Shillings for Warning Out Joseph Holding and Famielly out of Town and Returning ye Same to ye Clerk of the Court

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Att a Legal Town Meeting held in Botford Sept ye 8th 1760

1ly Chose Mr Thomas Perley Modrator for Sd meeting

2ly Voted Eighty pounds Lawfull money to be Raised to Defray ye Town Charges this preasents year

3ly the Town Voted the Assessors to Lay the County Tax with the Town Rate this present year

4ly put to Vote to See if ye Town Will abate Elijah Esterbrooks Rates in Constable Nathan Barkers List itt past in ye Negtive

5ly The Town Voted to Sell the five acres of Land Belonging To the Town Lying by Jonathan Whipples to the Highest Bidder and also to Give a Conuayence of ye Same

6ly Voted that ye money that the five acres of Town Land Shall Sell for Shall Lye as a Town Stock in ye Town Treasury and ye Intrest to be paid annually

7ly Chose Mr Luke Hovey Capt Frances Perley and mr Jacob Cummings a Committe in Behalf of ye town to Sell ye above sd five acres of Land and Give a Conuayence of the Same and Return ye Security to ye Town Treasuer

8ly Voted Ensn Paul Prichard Nine Shillings old Tenor for Warning Ruth Clough out of town and Returning ye Warrant to ye office

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At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford began and held in Said Boxford on Tuesday the tenth day of March Ad 1761—

Firstly Chose Mr Luke Hovey Moderator of Said Meeting—

2ly + Chose Mr Thomas Perley Select Man For the year Insuing

3ly + Chose Mr Luke Hovey Select=Man For the year Insuing

4ly + Chose Deacn Aaron Kimball Select-Man For the year Insuing

5ly + Chose Ensn Gedion Tyler Select-Man For the year Insuing

6ly + Chose Mr Jacob Cummings Select-Man For the year Insuing

7ly The Same Select-Men were Chosen Assessors For the year Insuing

8ly Chose Mr Thomas Perley to take the Money out of the County Treasury that belongs to the Town of Boxford and to pay it into the Treasury of Said Town of Boxford—

9ly + Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk For the year insuing—

10ly + Chose Mr Ebenezer Killam Constable For the South Side of the Town of Boxford For the year Insuing—

11ly + Chose Mr Richard Kimball Constable For the North Side of the Town of Boxford For the year Insuing—

12ly + Chose Ensn John Killam Surveyer of Highways For the year Insuing—

13ly + Chose Mr Asa Andrews Surveyer of High ways For the year Insuing

14ly + Chose Mr Nathan Andrews Surveyer of Highways For the year Insuing—

15ly + Chose Leiut Asa Perley Surveyer of Highways For the year Insuing

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16 ly Chose Mr. Solomon Wood Surveyer of High ways For the the year Insuing
17 ly + Chose Mr. Asa Nevil Surveyer of High ways For the year Insuing
18 ly Chose Capt Isaac Adams Surveyer of High ways For the
19 ly + Chose Mr. Benjamin Porter Junr. Surveyer of High ways For the year Insuing
20 ly + Chose Mr. Stephen Gould Tything-Man For the year Insuing
21 ly + Chose Mr. Joseph Curtis Tything-Man For the year Insuing
22 ly + Chose Mr. Nathan Barker Tything-Man For the year Insuing
23 ly + Chose Mr. George Carlton Tything-Man For the year Insuing
24 ly + Chose Mr. John Peabody Fence Viewer For the year Insuing
25 ly + Chose Lieut. James Andrews Fence Viewer For the year Insuing
26 ly + Chose Ens. Paul Prichard Sealer of weights and Measures For the year Insuing
27 ly + Chose Ens. Ebenezer Curtis Sealer of Leather For the year Insuing
28 ly + Chose Mr. Jonathan Bixby Hogreeve For the year insuing
29 ly + Chose Mr. Benjamin Gould Hogreeve For the year Insuing
30 ly Chose Mr. Benjamin Goodrige Hogreeve For the year Insuing
31 ly + Chose Mr. Thomas Wood Hogreeve For the year insuing
32 ly Chose Mr. William Lukeman Hogreeve For the year Insuing
33 ly + Chose Mr. John Chadwick Hogreeve For the year Insuing
34 ly + Chose Mr. James Curtis Deer reeve For the year Insuing
35 ly + Chose Mr. Moses Porter Deer reeve For the year Insuing
36 ly + Chose Capt. Francis Peabody Treasurer For the year Insuing
37 ly Voted that there should be three wardens Chosen in the Town this year
38 ly + Chose Mr. Jonathan Wood a warden For the year Insuing
39 ly + Chose Ens. Ebenezer Curtis a warden For the year Insuing
40 ly + Chose Dean. Thomas Chadwick a warden For the year Insuing

All the aforegoing officers Marked with this Mark + have Been Sworn to the Faithfull Discharge of their Respective office as the Law Directs —

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41 Voted to let the Swine go at Large the year insuing being well
Yoaked and Ringed as the law Directs —
42 Voted to abate Joseph Mathews Head in Constable Paul Pirkards
List of Rates —
43 Voted to abat Elijah Esterbrooks Rates in Mr. Nathan Barkers
List of Rates
44 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Chuse an Agent to
Petition the Court of ye General Sessions of the peace Next to be holden
at Ipswich on the last Tuesday in March Next to alter the Road lately
Laid out by Said County in Boxford From Emorys Gate to Middletown
Line in those Places that the Commitee has altered From the Town
Road Formerly Layd. out by Said Town into Said Town Road unless
the Owners of Said Land will Make the Road good and Feasable
~~upon~~ in the place where the Road is now Layd. on their own Cost
And Charge — and it past in the Negative —
45 Voted to abate Joseph Symmonds Rates in Constable Paul Pirkards
List of Rates —
46 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate Nathaniel Bisbys
Rates in Constable Paul ~~Pirr~~ Pirkards list of Rates and it past in the
Negative —
47 Voted to abate Richard Peeasts Sens Richards Rats in Constable
Merrils List of Rates — and then the Meeting was Disolved —

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Boxford on May ye 20th Ao. 1761
1ly Chose Mr. Thomas Perley Moderator of Said Meeting
Chose Aaron Wood Esqr. Representative
2ly Voted to a Low the Widow Mary Andrews 4/8 per week
three Weeks for Boarding Mr. Kingsbury —

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford on Sepr 16 1761

1) Chose Mr Thos Perley Moderator of Said Meeting

2) Voted to Raise £80 to Defray the arising Charges this present year

3) it was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate William Spaffords Rates in Constable Peabodys List of Rates and it past in the Negetive

4) it was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate Thos Peabodys Sons Head Rate in Constable Runnals List of Rates and it past in the Affermitive

5) it was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate Willm Fishs Rates in Constable Peabodys List and it past in the Affarmitive

6) it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Chuse a Committee Joyntly and Severaly in behalf of the Town to petition the Court of General Sessions of the Peace next to be Holden at Newbury on 29th of Sepr Instant Not to Receive the Report of ye Courts Committee Lailey on the Road from Curtis's Gate to Andrews Barn but Continue the the Road as Formerley Layd out and it past in the Affarmitive

7 Chose Mr Luke Hovey Mr Richard Kimbal Capt Isaac Adams And Mr Jonathan Foster a Committee For the purpose aforesaid

8) it was put to Vote to See what Instrutions the Town would Give Said Committee and the Town Voted they Should use their Own Discretion

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford began and held in Said Town on Monday the twelveth Day of October 1781 ——

Firstly Chose Mr Luke Hovey Moderator of Said Meeting

2ly it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Chuse a Committee Joyntly and Severaly in behalf of the Town to Meet the Courts Committee who are Ordered to Review the ye Road Lately Layd out from Mr Thomas Andrews Barn by ye Mill to Curtises Gate: And it past in the afermitive —

3ly Chose Mr Luke Hovey Capt Isaac Adams Aaron Wood Capt Francis Peabody and Mr Richard Kimball a Committee for the purpose aforesaid ——

4ly it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Chuse a Nother Committe to Meet the Committee Ordered by the Court: to view the Road Petitioned for by Rowley People and Others in our Town and to hear the pleas Made there on and also to agree where Said Road Shall be if they Can other wise Defend the Town at ye Sesions till the Matter be Determined. and it past in ye afermitive

5ly Chose Mr Luke Hovey Mr Jacob Cummings Capt Isaac Adams Mr Jonathan Wood & Lieut James Andrews a Committee for the purpose aforesaid ——

6ly it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Chuse a Committee to inquire into the Circumstances of our Town Relating to highways And Roads and to Lay out Such Road and High ways as Shall appear to them to be Necessary for the Town and County and ascertain ye Places and bredth and Courses of Said Road and also Apprize ye Damages to every Mans property by Sd Roads and Make Report to the Town at the Annual Meeting in March next to See if the Town will Approbate them or any of them and it past in the Afermitive ——

7ly Chose Dean Thomas Chadwick Capt Francis Perley Mr John Peabody Mr Thomas Perley and Mr Jonathan Wood a Committe For the purpose aforesaid ——

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8ly it was put to vote to See if the Town would give Liberty to the Town Assessors to Lay the Town and County Rates in one list this present year and it past in the Affirmitive

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At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Boxford began and Held in said Boxford On Tuesday ye 9th day of March 1762 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

firstly Chose mr. Luke Hovey Moderator of Said Meeting

2 Chose Aaron Wood Esqr. Mr. Luke Hovey Mr. Jacob Cummings Capt. Isaac Adams & Levit James Andrews Select-Men and Assessors for the year Ensuing - - - - - - - - -

3 Chose Aaron Wood Esqr. Town Clerk for the year Ensuing

4 Chose Mr. John Kimbal Junr. Constable for the South District of this Town for the Ensuing year - - - - - - - -

5 Chose Mr. John Chadwick Constable for the North District of this Town for the Ensuing Year - - - - - - - -

6 Chose Dean. Aaron Kimball Mr. Solomon Wood & Mr. Nathan Barker Wardens for the Ensuing Year - - - - - - -

7 Chose Mr. Jonathan Wood Treasurer for the Ensuing Year

8 Chose Mr. Ebenezer Killam Ens.d Paul Prichard mr. Nathan Kimball And Mr. Stephen Runnels Tything-Men for the Ensuing Year —

9 Chose Mr. James Curtis Mr. John Peabody Mr. Joseph Hale Junr. Mr. Solomon Wood Mr. Samuel Spafford Jun. Mr. Jonathan Sherwine mr. Asa Porter And Mr. Nathaniel Smith Surveyors of High-ways for the year Ensuing - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

10 Chose Mr. Joseph Curtis Mr. Jacob Gould Mr. Thos. Wood mr. Nathan Wood Mr. George Carlton Junr. Mr. Timothy Dorman Mr. Oliver Foster and Mr. Nathaniel Peabody Phil. Sams & Asa Stedings Hogreves for the Ensuing Year - - - - -

11 Chose Mr. Abraham Reddington & Ens. Gideon Tyler Deer-Reeves for the Ensuing year - - - - - - - - -

12 Chose Ens.d Paul Prichard a Sealer of Weights & Measures for the Ensuing year - - - -

13 Chose Mr. Ebenezer Curtis Sealer of Leather - - - - -

14 Chose Mr. Abraham Peabody Field Driver - - - - -

15 Chose Mr. Thomas Andrews Mr. Abraham Reddington Fence Viewers for the Ensuing Year - - -

16 Chose Mr. Moses Porter & Mr. Thomas Andrews Pound Keepers for the Ensuing Year - - - - -

and then the Meeting was Adjourned untill Monday the 15th day of this Instant March at two of the Clock on Said day in the After Noon - - - - - - - -

All those persons with this Mark over their Names have been [illegible] to the Exchange of [illegible] - - - -

March 15: 1762: upon the Adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting From March 9: 1762 the Town then Met ——

1ly the Town Voted to Release Mr. Nathaniel Smith From Serving as a Surveyer of High ways this present year ——

2 Chose Mr. Jonathan Kimby a Surveyer of High ways this year

3 Voted to Except of Mr. Asa Andrews to Serve as a Constable For the South Destrict this year in the Room of Mr. John Kimball - - - - - - -

Daniel Pinkard promised to the Town to give His Land Absolutely to the Town thro which the Following Road goes as Far as it goes on his Land

Daniel Black promised to the Town to give his Land to them thro which the Following Road goes on his Land untill others in the Town are payd For Roads going thro their Land - - - -

John Bulman promised to give His Land to the Town Absolutely thro which the Following Road goes on His Land - - - - - - - -

4 the Town Voted to Accept and Approbate the Return of a Road Lately Layd out by the Towns Committee as Appears by the Following plan From Rowley Line Near to Capt. Perkings & So on to Mr. Thos. Perleys Nursery --- the Plan is as Follows (viz) Beginning at Rowley Line to the East of Capt. Nathaniel Perkings the Easterly Side a Stake and Stones from thence Running South 4 Degrees & 30 Minuets & 6: Chains and 20 Links to a Stake And Stones From thence South 17 Degrees W: 9 Chains & 6 Links to a Stake and Stones thence S. 36 Degrees W 7 Chains & 75 Links to a ~~11 Degrees & 30~~ ~~Minuets~~ in Blacks Land thence S 11 Degrees & 30 Minuts W. 3 Chains and 50 Links to a White Oake tree in Said Blacks Land thence S 46 Degrees W. 2 Chains And 50 Links to a Stake and Stones in Said Blacks Land thence S 27 Degrees & 35 M W 5 Chains & 70 Links to a Stake & Stones in Blacks Land thence S 9. Degrees E 4: Chains & 26: Links to the Corner of Bulmans wall. thence S 2 Degrees E: 4 Chains to the North west Corner of Bulmans ~~Wall~~ Orchard: which Road is to Extend 2 Rods wide upon all the a fore Mentioned Distances to the West we have also Continued to lay out Said ~~Way~~ Road From ye a fore Said Corner of Bulmans Orchard as the Feme Now Stands on Each Side the way Leading to Andover Road a long by Ezekels Jewtts House Willm Perleys And So to Sd. Andover Road by Thos. Perleys Nursery

Boxford November ye 16: 1761

Solomon Wood Surveyer ——

Thomas Chadwick
Francis Perley
John Peabody } Committee

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5 The Town Voted to Mend the High ways And Town Roads by a Rate this present year - - - -

6 The Town Voted to £40 to mend the High ways and Town Roads with this year - - - -

7 Voted 2/0 per day For a Man to Work on Said High way & Roads and For one pair of Oxen one day 1/0 For a Cart one day 0/8 And a plow one Day 1/4 - - - - - -

8 the Town Voted the Several Surveyors in Their ~~Respective~~ Destricts to be the Overseers that Men Faithfully work out their Rates they are Respectively Set at for Mending High ways And that the Work be done in the Months of May And June - - - - - - - -

9 the Town Voted to Chuse a Committee in Their Behalf And Impowred them to Act Joyntly and Severally to See if they Can prevent Any publick Charges Comming on the Town by means of the Roads being Latly Laid out From Middleton Line to Andrews Barn and also to get the Road From Thomas Andrews Barn to the poppler Tree Nuld And Have it Continued From the Popler Tree to Emeroys Gate as it was Furt Layd out by the Courts Committee or as Near it as May be with the Best Conveneny And in Order to Compleat the Same to Petition Any Courts or Courts Whatsoever And Also to pursue the Same in Any Court or Courts and to do Any Thing Respecting the Premises they Shall Think proper untill the whole Shall be Legaly And Finaly Desided

^ the ~~Person~~ Chose

10 Voted to abate Samuel Goodridges Rate in Constable Joseph Curtis List of Rates

11 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would pay the Money that the Sessions has Ordered the Men that Live on the Road Lately Laid out from Middleton Line to the Popler Tree in Boxford and it past in the Negative ——

12 Voted to alow Mr Stephen Symonds 5/4 per Week 9 Weeks & 3 days for Boarding Mr Moses Putnam From Sepr 22: 1780 ——

13 Voted to allow Aaron Wood For Boarding Mr Moses Putnam the School Master From Novm 12: 1781 to Feb 6: 1782 Eleven Weeks and Six days at 5/4 pr Week

14 Voted to allow Mr Luke Hovey 5/4 per Week 14 weeks for Boarding Mr Moses Putnam the School Master ——

15 Voted to allow Mr John Hale for Boarding the Said Mr Putnam one Week 5/4

Voted to allow Mrs Prudence Tyler 5/4 per Week for Boarding Mr Moses Putnam thirteen Weeks ——

10 ^ Chose Aaron Wood Capt Isaac Adams And Mr Luke Hovey a Committee For the Purpose Afsd

The Remonstrance of the Subscribers Inhabitants and Freeholders of Boxford Sheweth that the Ed Chusing a Committee to act as Mentioned in the 6th article of the Warrant directly tends to Make Needless Charge and Occation Much division in the Town for the Court of Sessions having Layd out the Way by Committee and heard all parties and Many debates Concerning it Will not Readily heare Much Less Grant the prayer of Any Petitions For an Alteration of the way therefore as we doubt not that Much Needless Cost will be Occationed by this proceeding and no advantage to any but uneasy and Restless Persons we hope the Town Will not Choose Any such Committee as is Mentioned or Impower them to Act But at the Charge of those Persons who desire the alteration — we hereby therefore protest against such Illegal proceedings to Bring Charge on the Town And Trouble on Many of the Inhabitants and pray this our protest May be Filed by the Clerk Dated Boxford March ye 12: 1762 ——

Nathaniel Symonds	Daniel Black
James Curtis	Paul Prichard
John ~~Killam~~	Francis Perley
Ebenezer Curtis	Daniel Kneeland
Jonathan Towne	John Hale
James Curtis Jun	Abr:m Reddington
~~Joseph Curtis~~	Eph:m Kimball
Nath:ll Perley	Ezra Stiles
Joseph Hale	John Smith
William Pills	Thomas Kimball
Stephen Symonds	Joseph Brown
John Symonds	Nathaniel Andrews
Nathaniel Smith	Thos Andrews
Daniel Curtis	Benjamin Goodridge
Abner Hale	Richd Bacon
Joseph Hale Jun	Ephraim Kimball jun
Asa Perley	John Bateman
	Benjamin Perley
	William Perley ——

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford began and held in Said Boxford on Wednesday ye 19th of May 1762
Chose Aaron Wood Esqr Representative
1stly) Chose Capt^t Adams Moderator of Said Meeting

2^d Voted to abate John Smith^s Son John^s Head Rate in Constable Ebenezer Killams List of Rates

3^d Voted to allow Capt^t Francis Peabody 18/0 for Serving the Town of Boxford as a Treasurer two years Last past

4^d Voted to allow James Curtis Junr One pound One Shilling and four pence for Boarding Mr Moses Putnam the Town School Master 4 Weeks

5^d Voted to allow Stephen Symonds One pound and four Shillings for Boarding Mr Moses Putnam the Town School Master 4 Weeks and 4 days

6 Voted to allow Nathaniel Smith One Pound Four Shillings for Boarding Mr Moses Putman 4 Weeks & 3 days

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At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford began and held in Said Boxford On Friday the 20th day of Augst A^o 1762

1 Chose Mr John Peabody Moderator of Said Meeting

2 Voted to raise no Money to Defray Town Charges with this year

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At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town Of Boxford began and held in Said Boxford on thursday the Eleventh day of Nov^er 1762

1) Chose Mr Luke Hovey Moderator of Said Meeting

2) the Town Voted to Except of Mr Abner Hale to Serve as a Constable in the Room of Mr Asa Andrews he being about to Remove out of this Town and the Said Hale has been Sworn to the Faithfull Discharge of His office as the law Directs

3) Voted to allow Mr Holyoke the Sum of one Pound twelve Shillings for Boarding Mr Moses Putnam School Master 4 Weeks at 8/4 per Week included between July 24^d 30 of Augst

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in said Boxford on Teusday the Eigth Day of March A.D. 1763 - - - - - -

Firstly Chose Mr. Luke Hovey Moderator of said Meeting —

2d Chose Aaron Wood Mr. Luke Hovey Capt. Isaac Adams Mr. Jacob Cummings and Lent. James Andrews Select Men for the Present Year —

3d Voted that the above Select Men Should be the Assessors for the Present Year also —

4th Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk for the Present Year —

5th Chose Mr. Jonathan Wood Town Treasurer for the present Year

6th Chose Mr. Nathan Wood Constable for the South Side of this Town this present Year —

7th Chose Mr. James Pritchard Constable for the North side of this Town this present year —

8th Chose Mr. Jonathan Bixby Mr. Joseph Hale Junr. and Mrs. George Carlton Wardens for the present year

9th Chose Mr. Joseph Curtis Lent. Jeremiah Foster Mr. Timothy Dorman Mr. Nathaniel Perley Capt. Francis Perley Mr. George Carlton Junr. Mr. Jesse Merrill Mr. Stephen Runnels and Mr. Richard Kimball Surveyors of High ways this present Year

10th Chose Mr. William Eills Mr. Thomas Perley Mr. Samuell Cole Jun. and Mr. Jonathan Sherwine Tything Men the present Year

11th Chose Mr. James Curtis Junr. Mr. Jacob Gould — Fence Viewers the Present Year —

12th Chose Dean. Aaron Kimball Sealer of Leather the present year —

13th Chose Mr. Elias Smith Mr. Ebenezer Killum Mr. John Dorman Jun. Mr. Amos Gould Mr. Thomas Wood Mr. Amos Spafford Mr. Abraham Peabody Mr. Benjamin Porter Junr. Hogreves the Present year —

14th Chose Mr. Jeremiah Eames Mr. John Hovey Junr. Field Drivers the Present Year —

15th Chose Mr. Luke Hovey and Aaron Wood Deer Reeves the present year

16th Chose Ens. Paul Pritchard Sealer of weights and Measures the Present Year — this Meeting is Continued over leaf —

all those Officers with this + Mark over Their Names have been sworn to the Due Discharge of their Office as the law Directs

17) Voted to Mend the Highways And Roads by a Rate the present year And also Voted Fifty Pounds to be Lay.d out in Mending the Said Highways And Roads with this year —
And also Voted in Working out the Rates on the Highways and Roads a Man should be allowed. 2/0 per Day 1/6 per Day For a pair of Oxen 0/8 per Day for a Cart 1/0 per Day For a Plow

18) Voted that the Several Surveyors of the Highways Should be the Men to See that Persons Faithfully work out what they shall be Set at in the Rates for Mending High ways and Roads in this Town this year —

19) Voted that the High ways And Road Should be Mended in the Months of May and June this year —

20) Voted that the Swine in this Town should go at Large the Present year being Well Yoaked And Ringed as the Law Directs

22) Voted to abate Nathan Burnums Rates in Constable Ebenezer Killums List of Rates —

23) Voted to Call in the Province Note that will be payable to this Town In June Next —

24) Voted to allow Mr. Luke Hovey the Sum of £ 3: 15: 2 for his Services as a Commitee Man Respecting the New County Road Lately Lay.d from this Town to Middleton &c

25) Voted to allow Daniel Peabody 2/8 for Making a Pound Gate

26) Voted to allow James Curtis Jun.r 18/4 for Finding 180 Feet of Plank to Mend the Fishing Brook Bridge —

20 ^ it was put to Vote to See if The Town would Accept of the Road lately Lay.d out From Andover line by Ezra Stiles.s to the Road by Ephraim Kimballs agreeable to a plan thereof taken by Mr. Moody Bridges Nov.m 22 1762 and it past in the Negative

at a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford began and held in Said Boxford on Thursday the Nineteenth day of May 19 : 1763 ——

1 Chose Aaron Wood Esqr. Representative ——

2 Chose Capt. Isaac Adams Moderator of Said Meeting

3 the article of Chusing a Committee to apportion the School in Each part of the Town was put to vote and it past in the Negative ——

4 allowed Mr. Luke Hovey's Bill of Charge for Boarding Mr. Putnam 13 weeks at 5/4 per week ——

5 allowed Mr. Nathan Kimball's Bill of Charge for Boarding Mr. Putnam 13 Weeks at 5/4 --- £:3:9:4 ——

6 allowed Dean. Aaron Kimball for Boarding Mr. Putman Seven Weeks at 5/4 — 37/4 ——

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford began and held in Said Boxford on Tuesday the Twentysixth day of July Ao 1763 ——

Trusty Chose Mr. John Peabody Moderator of Said Meeting

2d it was put to vote to See if the Town would Chuse a man to Joyn with Other Men Chosen by the Towns of Topsfield Danvers Medelleton Wenham and Redding to agree with the proprietors of the Mill dams in the Town of Ipswich that prevents the fish going up the Rivers or Brooks into Said Towns: which Otherwise they would do if there ware no dams Cross Ipswich River to open weast ways Suffiend for the Fish to go up the Brooks or Rivers — And it past in the Affirmitive ——

3d Chose Mr. John Peabody for the purpose afores.d ——

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in said Boxford on Septr 20th 1763

1 Chose Mr Thomas Perley Moderator of said Meeting

2. the Town Voted to raise Eighty Pounds to defray Town Charges with the present year

3 it was put to Vote to to See if the Town would Vote the Income of the Money that the Parsonage Farm was Sold For Should be appropriated to pay Town Charges ~~with~~ for the whole Town And it past in the Negative

4 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Order that the Second Parish in Boxford Should have the Benefitt of their part of the Income of Said Money And it past in the Negative

5 it was put to Vote to See if ye Town would Discharge Mr Thos Perley of the Sum of £ 1: s 1: d 9: qr 1 that is now in the Hands of William Foster Former Constable and it past in the affirmative

6 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate Mr Luke Moveys Sons Head rate he being rated in Bradford as well as In this Town at it past in the Negative

7 the Town Voted to allow Aaron Wood 5/4 per week for Boarding Mr Putnam 13 weeks from the Seventeenth day of March 1763

8 on a Motion Made and Seconded the Town Voted to allow Mr John Peabody 5/4 per week thirteen weeks five days and an half for Boarding Mr Moses Putnam

9 the Town Voted to allow Mr Thos Perley 9/0 per year for his Service as a Town Treasurer three years

Essex ss / At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Begun and held in Said Boxford on Monday the fifth day of December A.D. 1763 —

1ly) Chose Capt. Isaac Adams Moderator of Said Meeting —

2ly/ it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Vote to Raise a Sufficient Sum of Money to pay the Several Sums of Money that John Stiles Jacob Cummings And Stephen Gould have Sued the Inhabitants of Said Boxford: for and the Charges thereby arisen it being for what was allowed them by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace held in Salem in and for Said County of Essex on December 1761: upon the Cut of the County Road Lately lay.d out thro their Land ~~~~ and it past in the Negative ~~~~~~~~

3ly/ it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Vote to Chuse a Committee And Impower them Joyntly and Severally to defend the Causes in behalf of the Inhabitants of Boxford against the Several: Plts afors.d Namely John Stiles Jacob Cummings and Stephen Gould which ~~Said~~ Causes they the Said Plts have Commenced against Said Inhabitants in doing of which to Petition any Court or Courts for any thing or things and to do any thing in defending Said Causes against Said Plts that Sd Committee Shall think Necessary in any Court or Courts untill Said Causes Shall be Finaly determined — and it past in the affirmative ~~~~~~~~

4ly) The Town Voted that Aaron Wood Luke Hovey and Isaac Adams Should be a Committee for the purpose afors.d ~~~~~~~

5ly) it was put to Vote to See if the Assessors of Said Town Should lay the money the Town vote last year to defray Town Charges with ~~Town Rates~~ and the County Rates in one list of Rates and it past in the affirmative ~~~~~~~

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in said Boxford On Tuesday the thirteenth day of March AD 1784

1ly Chose Capt Isaac Adams Moderator of said Meeting

2ly Chose Aaron Wood Capt Isaac Adams Deacn Aaron Kimball Ensn John Chadwick and Capt Asa Perley Select-men & Assessors for said Town of Boxford the Ensuing Year —

3ly Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk ——

4ly Chose Benjamin Goodridge Constable for the South Side of the Town and Ensn Gedion Tyler Constable for the North Side of ye Town

5ly Chose Jonathan Wood Town Treasurer and Receiver —

6ly Chose Capt Francis Perley Lieut Jeremiah Foster and Deacn Joseph Hovey Wardens —

7ly Chose Ebenezer Killam Lieut John Hale Richard Kimball and Luke Hovey Tythingmen —

8ly Chose Ebenezer Killam John Kimball Solomon Wood Daniel Pritchard Richard Kimball William Foster Jeremiah Eames Capt Isaac Adams and Nathan Andrews Surveyors of High ways —

9ly Chose Joseph Curtis Elias Smith Ensn Ebenezer Curtis Benjamin Perley Thomas Wood Moses Porter Abraham Peabody Oliver Foster George Carlton Junr Hogreves ——

10ly Chose Jonathan Wood and Solomon Wood Fence Viewers —

11ly Chose Aaron Kimball Sealer of Leather

12ly Chose Nathan Wood and Lieut Nathan Barker Deerreves

13ly Chose Daniel Pritchard Sealer of Weights and Measures ——

And then the Meeting Adjourned till Friday the sixteenth day of this Instant March one of the Clock after Noon —

And then the Town Meet and it was put upon the adjournment to vote

1ly to see if the Town would Mend the Highways & Roads by a Rate this year and it past in the affirmative ——

all the Town officers marked with this + Mark have been Sworn

2ly the Town Voted to Raise 50£ to mend and Repair the High ways and Roads with this year ----

3ly Voted to allow 2/0 per Day to a man in working out his Highway Rate —

4ly Voted to alow for one pair of Oxen per day 1/8

5ly Voted to alow for a plow one day ------ 1/0

6ly Voted to allow for a Cart one day ---- 0/8

7ly Voted that the Several Surveyors in their Several Districts Shall See that persons Faithfully work out on the said High ways and Roads the Sum or Sums that they Shall be Respectively Set at in proportion to their Other Rates

8ly Voted that the Several Surveyors Shall See that persons work out their High way Rates in any Months when the sd Surveyors Shall think Most proper and Convenient

9ly Voted that the Swine in this Town Should go at large this year being well Yoaked and Ringed as the law directs —

10ly Voted to Chuse a Committee to Apportion and Make proper Districts for Keeping the School in this Town and that said Com mittee Should Make Report to the Town thereof at the Next Town Meeting —

11ly Voted that Mr Thomas Perley Deacn Aaron Kimball Mr Ebenezer Killum Lieut. Nathan Barker and Deacn Joseph Hovey Should be a Committee for the purpose afsd

12ly Voted to Except of a High way beginning at the Gate South of the House of Aaron Wood Esqr Running to the Towns pasture in the First Parish in Boxford agreeable to a plan taken by Solomon Wood Febr 9: 1764 in Lieu Instead of a Road that was Layd Layd out from Andover Road to the Meeting House by Samuel Symonds Daniel Wood Joseph Hale and John Hiles Novm 25 1709 which plan is Recorded on the other Side of this leaf —

13ly Voted to allow James Andrews 5/4 per Week for Boarding Mr Pulman 13 Weeks from ye 11th Day of October to ye 16th day of Janry 1764 —

14ly Voted to allow John Peabody £4: 9: 2 for going to Ipswich him Self and Horse and Expenses —

15ly Voted to allow Stephen Symons 5/4 per Week for Boarding Mr Pulman 13 Weeks. total £3: 9: 4

4 16(?)(4) Voted to Except of Solomon Wood to Serve as a Constable In the Room of Lieut. Gedion Tyler

The Following is a plain of the High way Mentioned on the other Side of this leaf

Beginning at the Gate South of the House of Aaron Wood Esqr thence Running on the East Side S 37: Degrees west 68 Rods to a Stake and Stones S 41 Dr W to a Stake and Stones 31 Rods thence 71 D: W: 22 R: to the Northwest of Richard Peabodys House [to a Stake & Stones by Peabody Orchard thence 13 D W] thence S: 17: D: W: 28 R to a White Oake Tree thence S 34 W: 28 R and 6 tenths to the Widow Goulds Land one Rod West of the Corner thence S 28: D: W 17: R to a Stake at Benjamin Goodridges Land thence S 21 D: W to a Stake and Stones 14 R in Goodridges Land: thence S 29: D W: 20 Rods to a Stake And Stones thence S 41 D W 22 R to a Stake and Stones by the Road that Lead to the Meeting House thence S 22 D: E 19: 4 Rod ths to a Stake And Stones thence N 30 D E 10 Rods to a Stake and Stones at Buswells Land — thence Setting off two Rod on a perpendiculer West to a Stake And Stones from thence Running on the West Side of the Road to the Meeting House Running from the off Set S 18: D: E: 62 Rods to the Corner of Goodridges Land

the aforegoing Plan was taken by Solomon Wood Surveyor — Febr 9: 1764

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in Boxford. May 22: 1764

1 Elected & Deputed Aaron Wood Representative for the Town the present year

2 Chose Mr Luke Hovey Moderator of Said Meeting

3 Regulated the Jury Boxes

4 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Vote to Except of the Report of the Committee Appointed to apportion and Make proper Districts for Keeping the School in this Town and it past in the Negative

5 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Raise Money to Answer the Petition of Josiah Sessions and Others and it past in the Negative

the Record of Said Meeting is Continued to the Next page

6 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would raise Money to pay John Stiles Jacob Cummings & Stephen Gould with that they have a Judment of Court for a gainst the Inhabitants of This Town and it past in the Affermitive - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

7 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Vote the Money to Abraham Reddington which the Honourable Court's Committee awarded Thomas Andrews for the Roads going through his Land from the Road Leading from Andover to Topsfield to the Mill and the Town Voted the Said Reddington Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence provided he would Secure the Town from any Demands of Thomas Andrews for the Money the Said Court awarded Him - - - - - - - - - -
And the Said Reddington promised to be Contented therewith

8 the Town Voted to allow Capt Nathl Perkings Fifteen Pounds he at the Same time promising that Should be in full for what the Court awarded him for the Roads going thro his Land

9 Voted to allow Solomon Wood thirteen Shillings 4/o of which was then Cash payd for returning the warrant for warning out of Town 4 Ladys and Six Shillings of which was for one day and a half Laying out a Road & 3 Shillings of which was to one day in Making ye Plan - - - - - - - - - - -
a greeable to His Bill of May 22:1764

And then the Meeting Desolved

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Boxford begun and held in Said Boxford Sepr. 18: AD 1764.

1) Chose Mr. Thomas Perley Moderator of Said Meeting

2) Voted to raise One Hundred And Sixty Pounds to defray the Arisen and Arising Charges with in Said Boxford the present Year including the money the Town Voted to raise to pay John Stiles Jacob Cummings & Stephen Gould with that they have a Judment of Court for against the Inhabitants of this Town also it including the Money the Town Voted to Abraham Reddinton and Capt. Nathaniel Perkings the 22 day of May last

3) it was put to Vote to See if the Town would have the Road leading from Aaron Wood Esqr.s to the Meeting House Layd a Cross the Towns Pasture as it was planned by Solomon Wood and it past in the Negative

4) Voted to Except of the Report of the Committee Chosen to Apportion the School the last March according to their Report which Report is in the Words following (viz) a greeable to a Vote of the Town we the Subscribers being Appointed a Committee to Consider of the Several Stations the School has been Usually Keept in and on Consideration of the present Situation of the Inhabitants are of the Oppinion the Schools Remain to be Kept improved as they have Usualy been, Excepting the North Side of the First Parish whereas they have Not had in times past but three Month In Nine we are of Oppinion that the Said North Side for the futer Shall have four Months

Boxford March 27th. 1764.

Aaron Kimball
Thomas Perley
Nathan Barker
Jos. Hovey
Committee

5) Voted that the Inhabitants of the Town in Each Parish Should bring in to the Select Men an acount of the Number of Dwelling Houses Familes and Persons at Some futer Appointed day

6) Voted that the Inhabitants bring in Said Acct. to the Select men the Next Parish Meetings in each Parish at twelve of the Clock on the Said days

7) it was put to Vote to See if the Town would pay the Money (that was awarded John Symonds for the County Road going thro his Land) to Ens.ⁿ Paul Prichard Attorney to the Said Symonds he giving the Town a Proper Discharge and it past in the Negative ———

8) it was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate Capt.ⁿ Israel Hendricks Rates in Constable Paul Prichards list of Rates and it past in the Negative ———

and Then the Meeting disolved

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and Held in said Boxford March 12: 1785

1 Chose Capt Asa Perley Moderator of said Meeting

2 Chose Aaron Wood+, Joseph Hovey+, Jacob Cummings+, Moses Porter+, Ebenezer Killam+ — Select men and Assessors for the year Insuing

3) Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk+

4) Chose Jonathan Wood Town Treasurer+

5) Chose Joseph Brown+ Constable for the South District

6 Chose Jonathan Bemis Constable for the North District

Chose Thomas Perley+, Nathan Andrews+, Samuel Runnels+ — Wardens

7) Jonathan Wood+, Ebenezer Curtis, Nathan Barker+, George Carlton+ — Tythingmen

8) William Pills+, Daniel Peabody+, James Andrews+, John Hale+, Nathan Wood, George Carlton Jun.r+, Oliver Foster+, Samuel Cole+, Nathaniel Peabody+ — Surveyors of Highways

9 John Killam+, Ebenezer Curtis — Fence Viewers

10) Chose Paul Prichard+ and Job Tyler+ — Deer Reeves

11) Paul Prichard — Sealer of weights & Measures

12) Benjamin Perley+ — Sealer of Leather

13) James Curtis+, Jonathan Towr+, Elias Smith, John Butman+, Benjamin Perley+, Samuel Spafford jun.r+, John Hovey+, Ephraim Chadwick+ — Hogreeves

all those Persons Marked with this Mark + have been sworn and the rest have not

And then the Meeting Adjourned to Friday the Fifteenth day Instant at one of the Clock after noon

Friday March 14 1765 Then the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Met upon the Adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting — and

1 Chose Luke Hovey & Abraham Reddington } Surveyors and Measurers of Boards Plank Timber & Millwork

2) Voted to Mend the Highways and Town Roads by a Rate the present year

3) Voted to Raise Fifty Pounds to mend the Said Highways and Roads ....

4) Voted to a Man for one days work on the Said Highways and Roads 2/0 For One pair of Oxen per day 1/8 One plow per day 1/0 one Cart one day 0/8 ——

5) Voted that the Several Surveyors of Highways in their Districts Shall See that each Person Faithfully work out on the Said ways and Roads the Sum or Sums they Shall Respectively be Set at in proportion to their other Rates

6) Voted that the Swine Shall go at large in this Town this year being well Yoaked and Ringed as the law Directs

7) it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Render to the Inhabitants of Boxford living in the Second Parish their Equal Share & benifitt of the Ministeral land and it past In the Negative ---

8) it was put to Vote to See if the Town would leave the Matter in dispute to Judicious men to determine whether the ~~above~~ Said Inhabitants have any property in the afores.d land or not and it past in the Negative

9) it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Chuse a Committee to Inquire after the Bounds of the land left by the Town of Rowley from the Head of Elders Pond to the Road Called Andover Road. and it past in the Affermitive — and The Town Chose Solomon Wood Capt Isaac Adams and Ens.n Daniel Fenhead For the purpose aforesaid - - - - - - - - - - - —

10) it was put to Vote to See if the Town would allow Joseph Robbenson Stephen Runnels Thos Chadwick Ephraim Chadwick John Chadwick Luke Stoney William Lakeman Jonathan Sherwine Joseph Sessions Samuel Cole Junr Stephen Merrill and David Burbank the Several Sums Annexed to each of their Names agreeable to their Petition and it past in the Negative

11) it was put to Vote to See if the Constables should be paid for gathering Rates in this Town for the Futer and it past in the Negative —

12) this article Respecting the Surveyors Returning them lists to the Next Select men past in the Negative

13) it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Except of a high way two Rods wide thro the Towns pasture and the land belonging to the Heirs of John Buswill to the Road by the Meeting House and it past in the ~~Meeting House~~ Negative

14 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would except of the Road as it now goes as it is marked on the plan taken by Solomon Wood and it past in the affirmative which plan is as follows beginning at a Stake and Stones on the North Side of the Old way thence S 21: D E 16 Rods to a Stake and Stones thence S 23 D E 14 - to a Stake & Stones thence S 6 D E 10 R to a white oake Tree thence S 16: D E 8 R to a Stake & Stones thence S 6 Dg W 20: R to a Stake and Stones thence S 3 D and 3 Minits E 38 Rods to the Horse Stable Solomon Wood Surveyor —

15) the Town Voted to Except of a High way from Ezra Stiles's to the Road by Joshua Rea's agreeable to a plan thereof taken by Solomon Wood: which plan is as follows (viz) Beginning the Northerly Side of Rea's by the Corner of the Hill Wall thence Running South 90 D W 6 Rods to a Stake thence N 81 D W 13 Rods & 3 tenths to a Stake thence N 60 Ds W 14 Rods 6 tenths to a Stake thence N 34. W 34 Rods to the End of the Wall thence No 63 Ds W 20 Rods to a Stake & Stones thence N 55 Ds W 12 Rods 5 tenths to ye Corner of Richards wall thence S 78 Ds W 18 Rods to a Stake and Stones thence S 65 Ds W 12 Rods to a Stake and Stones thence S 49 Do W 18 R 1/2 8 tenths to a Stake and Stones thence 69 Ds 40 minuts W 8 Rods to a Stump thence S 41 Ds W 36 Rods to the North west Corner of Ezra Stiles's House

Select men { Aaron Wood, Aaron Kimball, Asa Daley }

Dated March 1: 1765

Surveyor } Solomon Wood

^ 15 The Town Voted to abate the Rates of Moses Stickney and the Rates of Keslin Stiles in Constable Abner Heale's List of Rates - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

16) the Town Voted to allow Ens.^d Ebenezer Cutter two Pounds In full for what the Court allowed Him for the Rode going thro his land from the Popler Tree to Towns^d land

17) it was put to Vote to See if the Town ^would allow the Money to Jonathan Town John William Williams Eells Jacob Gould Nathaniel Symonds & Ebenezer Curtis which they have Sued the Town for and it past in the Negative

18 The Town Voted to Chuse a Committee to Defend the Town ^against the afors.^d Jonathan Town and Others

And Chose John Heale
Solomon Wood &
Asa Perley — Committee — and gave the said Committee full power to act Joyntly or Severally

Also gave Said Committee Instructions In the Words Following (viz)

Voted y^t the Committee Chosen to answer to the action Commenced against the Town for pay for the Rode going a Cross their land viz Jon.^a Towns and Others Shall have Power to Petition ye Court for an Other Committee or ~~[illegible]~~ answer the Plentifs at ye next Court according to their Best Judgment. to get a Continuance or appeal from Judgment if Need be as they think proper and make Return of their doings to y^d Town as soon as may be

19 Voted to allow Aaron Wood for Boarding Mr Putnam 17 weeks & 4 days 5/4 per week — — — — 4: 14: 8

Voted to allow Nathaniel Smith for boarding Mr Putnam 3 weeks & 4 days - - - - - 0 18: 0

Voted Ebenezer Killam for Boarding Mr Putnam three weeks & 4 days - - - 5/4 per week 0 18: 0

Voted to allow Jo.^s Hovey for Boarding Mr Putnam 13 weeks at 5/4 per week - - - - - - 3 - 09 : 4

Voted to allow Stephen Symonds for Boarding Mr Putnam three weeks & 5 days at 5/4 per week 0 : 18 : 9

Voted to allow Nathan Kimball for Boarding Mr Putnam 13 weeks at 5/4 per week - - - - 3 : 09 : 4

Voted to allow Jonathan Wood for Serving as Treasurer 3 years 9/ per year - - - - - - - - 1 : 07 : 0

Voted to allow Solomon Wood for warning out Sundry Persons out of Town and Returning ye warrant 0 12 : 0

Voted to allow James Pickard for warning Sundry Persons out of Town & Returning the warrant 0 14: 0

Voted to allow Benjamin Goodridge for warning Sundry Persons out of Town & Returning the warrants 0 08 : 0

^ 20 Voted to Excuse of Stephen Merrill & to Serve as Constable in the Room of Jonathan Dennis —

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in Boxford May 21 A^o 1762 —

1 Elected and Deputed Aaron Wood Esqr. to Represent the Town at the Great and General Court to be Convened held and Kept for His Majestys Service at the Court House In Boston upon Wednesday the 26th Day of May &c —

2 Chose Capt. Isaac Adams Moderator of said Meeting —

3 it was put to Vote would abate one half wheat those Persons ware Set at for their Money at Interest in the Several lists of Rates Committed to Solomon Wood and Benjamin Goodridge Constables to Collect the Last year and it past in the Negative

4 The Town Voted that the Town Should be Divided into Five parts or Destricts For Keeping the School in for the future ^untill they Should otherwise order it^ And also Voted to Chuse a Committee to Divide the Town into five parts or Destricts as afore^d And to Say how long ~~[illegible]~~ Each part or Destrict Shall have the School Kept In it at a time and to Make Report to the Town at their Next Town Meeting for their Acceptance —

5 Chose Thos Perley
Luke Hovey
L^t ~~Jeremiah Perley~~ William Wood
Capt Isaac Adams
En^s John Killam
And Moses Perley
} Committee

6 Voted that Lt John Hale Capt Asa Perley & ^Mr^ Solomon Wood should be a Committee to Defend the Actions Still Depending between Jonathan Tarr John Killam William Eills Jacob Gould Nathaniel Symonds & Ebenezer Curtis and the Inhabitants of this Town —

7 Voted to allow Solomon Wood the following Bill of Charge (viz)

Cash paid for an Attorney	1 – 16 : 0
2 Days to Boston to Speak with the Attorney	0 – 03 – 0
to a horse to Ride to Boston	0 – 04 – 0
Expenses to Boston 2 Days	0 – 06 – 0
to 4 Days attending the Court	0 – 06 – 6
Expenses at Ipswich	
	3 : 1[illegible] 6

at a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Moxford begun and held in Moxford June 17th
Ao 1765

Ist Chose Mr Thos Peeley Moderator of said Meeting.

2dy. it was put to vote to See if the Town would Impower
the Committee or either of them who was Chosen
May ye 21 1765 as a Committee to defend the Town
a geinst the Actions Commenced by Jonathan Town
Jacob Gould and others to do any thing in Referrence
thereto that they Shall think most proper Either to
Defend or Settle in behalf of the Town. and it past
In the affirmitive —

3d The Town Voted to allow Ebenezer Curtis three Shillings
For Mending a bridge —

X at a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in Boxford October 8: 1765 —
Voted Instruction to their Representative Respecting the present State of the Province at this Difficult and Dangerous Conjuncture In the Words Following (Viz)

Sr we the Free Holders Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford being Met this Eighth Day of October 1765 to give you Our Advice and Directions Respecting the present State of the Province at this Difficult and Dangerous Conjuncture. We Acknowledge it to be Our Duty to Make Supplications prayers and Intercessions For the King, and for all men that are in Authority, that we May lead quiet and peaceable lives: and that we Should Submit our Selves to every Ordinance of man for the Lords Sake. So far as they are Consistant with Natural Constitution Reason and Religion, ~~and Religion~~. and should always be Carefull to Render unto the King the things that are His.
when there was Ocation to Make our yoke Heavey we did Cheerfully Submit to it, but when there is no greater Ocation, to add to our yoke, and to Make a little Finger thicker than a Former Loyns is a just Reason for a non Complyance

it fills us with great Concern to find that Measures have Been addopted by the British Ministry and acts of Parliament Made which we apprehend prejudiced upon our Natural Rights and Liberties and tend greatly to distress the trade of the Province by which we have heretofore been able to Contribute Something toward the Enriching the Land of our Fore Fathers: but we are More perticularly Touched at the Act Called the Stamp Act by which a very grievous and we think an unconstitutional tax is to be lay.d upon the Colonies: — by the Royal Charter granted to our Ancestors the Power of Making laws For our Internal Government and of Levying Taxes is Vested in the General Assembly: and by the Same Charter the Inhabitants of this Province are Intitled to all the Rights and Priviledges of Natural Free Born Subjects of Great Brittain. the Most essential Rights of British Subjects are those of Being Represented in the Same Body which exercise the Power of levying taxes upon them and of having Their Property tryed by Juries — These we apprehend are the very Pillers of the British Constitution founded in the Common Rights of Mankind — it Cannot be Said that we were in any Sense Represented in the Court of Great Brittain when this act of Taxation was Made. and as we understand the act, it admits of our properties being try.d in Certain Controversies arising From Some Internal Concerns by Courts of Admiralty without a jury a thing which we think we may justly abhor But admit we had no Complaints of this Sort yet we Should have Reason to except against the Inequality of these taxes: it Cannot be deny.d that the People of this Province have not only

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: Settled in this Country at the greatest Hazard But have enlarged and Defended the British Dominions In America with a large Expence of Blood and Treasure: they have also exerted Themselves in a very Distinguishing Manner in Services for their King by which Means they have often been Reduced to the greatest distress And in the late war More Especially by their Ready And Surprising exertions they have Loaded Themselves with a debt almost insupportable and we are well assured That if these expensive Services (For which very little if any advantage hath ever Accrued to Themselves) together with the Necessary Charges of Supporting and Defending His Majestys Government here: had been Estimated the Monies designed to be drawn from us by this Act would have appeared greatly beyond our proportion. we look upon it a peculiar Hardship That when the Representative Body of this Province had prepared and sent forward a decent Remonstrance against Those proceedings while they were depending in the House of Commons it failed of Admittance there: and this we esteem the More Extraordinary inas much as being unrepresented it was the Only Method whereby they Could Make Known Their Objection to Measures in the event of which Their Constituents were to be so deeply Interested— This Act if it Carried into Execution we fear will afford a president For the Parliament to tax us in all future time and in all Such ways and Measures as they Shall Judge Meet without our Consent In short the Duties Imposed by this Act are so Heavey that if Comply'd with would Bring us and our Posterity into Slavery and Bondage so long as the Stamp Act Shall Continue and be inforce upon us: we therefore think it our indispensable Duty in Justice to our Selves and posterity as it is our undoubted privilege in the Most Open and unreserved but Decent and Respectfull terms to declare our greatest Dissatisfaction with this Law—

and we think it incumbent upon you Sr. by no means to Join in any publick Measures for Commencing and Assisting in the execution of the Same but to use the best endeavours in the General Assembly to have the Inherent unalienable Rights of this people of this Province Asserted and Vindicated and left upon the publick Records that posterity may never have Reason to Charge the present times with the guilt of tamely giving them away and we further Instruct you to take perticular Care that the ~~most~~ Oeconomy may be used in expending the publick Moneys: and that no unaccustomed Grants may be made to those who Serve the Government: and we in general Recommend to yr. Care that the Monies of the Province drawn from the Individuals of the People at a time when allmost every Avenue of our trade is obstructed may not be apply'd to any Other purpose under any pretence of Necessary Contingent Charges (or of Making up private losses) but what were evidently intended in the Act for Supplying the Treasury: — and in the Managing all Other things that may Come before you in the General Assembly we wish you that Wisdom which may be profitable to direct you therein

Mr. Thomas Daley was Moderator of the aforegoing Meeting

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in Said Boxford on Tuesday the Eleventh day of March Ad 1786 —

1ly Chose Capt. Asa Perley Moderator of Said Meeting

2ly Chose Mr. Thomas Perley +
Lieut Samuel Runnels
Mr. Abraham Reddington +
Lieut Jonathan Foster
And Ens. Paul Prichard + — Select men an Assessors & c. the year Insuing —

3ly Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk +

4ly Chose Jonathan Wood Town Treasurer +

5ly Chose Lieut James Andrews + Constable for the South Destrict

6ly Chose Mr. Moses Porter Constable for the North Destrict

7ly Chose Mr. Nathan Wood +
Mr. Luke Hovey +
& Mr. Ebenezer Kellam + — Wardens

8ly Chose Mr. Nathan Andrews +
Mr. Jonathan Wood +
Ens. John Chadwick +
& Mr. Samuel Carlton + — Tythingmen

9ly Chose Mr. William Perley +
Capt. Asa Perley + jun
Mr. James Curtis +
Lieut James Andrews +
Mr. Nathan Andrews +
Mr. Joseph Robbenson +
Mr. Asa Merrill +
Mr. Amos Spafford +
& Mr. Amos Kimball — Surveyors of High ways

10ly Chose Mr. Jacob Cummings Deer reeve

11ly Chose Ens. Paul Prichard + Sealer of waits and Measures

12ly Chose Dean Aaron Aaron Kimball Sealer of Leather

13ly Chose Mr. Amos Gould
Mr. Joseph Curtis +
Mr. Daniel Huss
Mr. Jeremiah Beams +
Mr. William Foster +
Mr. George Carlton + — Hogreeves —

all those Marked with this + Mark Have been sworn —

14ly Chose Mr. Solomon Wood +
& Mr. Samuel Spafford + — Fence Viewers

15ly Voted to Mend the High ways and Town Roads by a Rate this year

16 ly Voted to Raise Sixty Pounds to Mend the Said High ways & Roads with

17 ly Voted to allow a Man in working out his Rates that he Shall be assess.d at towards Mending the Said Highways & Roads 2/0 per day
For One pair of Oxen 1/4 per day
For a plow - - - - - - 1/0 per day
For a Cart - - - - - - - 1/0 per day

18 ly Voted that the Several Surveyors of High ways in their Several Districts Shall See that people faithfully Work out on the Said High ways & Roads the Sum or Sums that they Shall Respectively be Sat at in proportion to their Other Rates
Voted that the Swine Shall go at large this year in this Town Being well yoaked and Ringed

19.ly Voted to Chuse a Committee to Petition the Court of General Sessions of the Peace next to be Holden at Ipswich for a Committee to Revise the assessment of the Damages upon the Road thro part of this Town to Middleton line agreable to the Order of the Great and General Court of this Province: of Feb.r 12: 1766 on the Petition of John Hale and Asa Perley and Impowred Said Committee to act Joyntly and Severally in the affair - - - - -

20.th it was put to Vote to See if the Town would do any thing in Answer to the Petition of Benj.n Porter and Others Relative to the School in the Second Parish and it past in the Negative —

21.t it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Continue the Road as a Town Road from Emorys Gate (So called) as far as to the South Side of Elisha Towns.d Land & So to the County Road Leading from Middleton Vollarey by Skiles and Fosters Mills and give the Proprietors of the Land thro which the Said Road goes Liberty to Hang and Keep gates a Cross Said Road as many as the Said Propreters Shall have Ocation for their Own Conveiny and to Continue them during the Towns Pleasure. and it past in the Affermitive

22.d It was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate Benjamin Kellys Rates in Constable Goodridges list of Rates and it past in the ~~Affermitive~~ — Negative

23.d It was put to Vote to See if the Town would Build a Pound in the First Parish in Said Town and Set it as near the Old Pound as as may be Convenient and to Build it with Stone and it past In the Affermitive. and also Voted to Build Said Pound after the Dementions of the Pound in the Second Parish

24 th Voted that John Hale Solomon Wood and James Andrews be a Committee to See the Work done —

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25th Voted to allow Solomon Woods Bill of Charge as a Committee Man to Answer in the Behalf of the Town to Nathll Symonds & others from May 20th 1765 to March ye 11:/1766 for Sundry Articles £ s D 14: 4: 0

26th Voted to allow Capt. Asa Perley as a Committee man to Answer to Nathll Symonds & Others to March 11 Do 1766 £ s D 6: 10: 0

27th Voted to allow John Hales Bill of Charge in Defending a gainst Nathll Symonds & others to March 11 Do 1766 £ s D qrs 12: 3: 11: 2

28th to allow Deacn Joseph Hovey £ s D 3: 9: 4 for bording Mr Putnam from the first of Octr 1765 13 weeks

29th Voted to allow Nathan Kimball £ s D 3: 9: 4 for bording Mr Moses Putnam 13 weeks

30th Voted to allow Deacn Aaron Kimball £ s D 1: 0: 0 for boarding Mr Putnam 3 Weeks & 6 days

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Boxford begun and held in Boxford on Tuesday the 20th day of May 1766. — did then Elect and depute Aaron Wood Esq. to serve for and Represent them in a great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened held and Kept for his Majestys Service at the Court House In Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-eith Day of May Instant — - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

2) Chose Mr. Thos. Perley Moderator of said Meeting

3) Voted to Chuse a Committee in behalf of the Town to Answer to and defend the Town at any Court or Courts against the Actions Commins'd against said Town by Jacob Gould and Others and to Make answer to the Report that may be Made by the Committee appointed by the Honourable Court of Sessions last March to Revise the damages of a way being Laid out thro Land of the said Gould & others and said Committee to act Joyntly or Severly — and accordingly Chose Mr. Solomon Wood. Capt. Asa Perley and Lieut. John Hale a Committee —

4) Voted that Ens. Paul Prichard should Inquire into the Circumstances of the Estate of Joseph Simmonds late of Boxford and to See how Much of that Estate may be Recovered for the support of John Simmonds who is now at publick Charge of the Town. and if he Can Secure for the Town what may be Recovered of that Estate toward the support of the said John to do it and make Report to the Town ~~and Make Report to the Town~~ of his doings but and not to put the Town to any Charge in the law in the affair further then to take Advise of some Lawer in the Matter before further Order of the Town —

5) Voted to abate Nathan Eames's and Benja Fosters Rates In Solomon Wood list of Rates —

6) it was put to Vote to see if the Town Would abate Joseph Simmons's Rates in Nathan Wood list of Rates - and it past in the Negative —

7) Voted to abate £ 4: s 11: D 2 qrs of Rates in Jacob Cummings's list of Rates against Natht. Andrews —

8 it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Chuse a Committee to apportion the School in the Second Parish in Boxford and it past in the Negative —

9) Voted to allow Aaron Wood £ 4: s 12: D 11 for boarding Mr. Putman 17 Weeks and 8 days from ye 16th of January 1786 to the 18th of May Following —

10) Voted to allow Jonathan Kesby 3: 11: 5 for Entertaing the Courts Committee and Others —

11) Voted to allow Lut John Hale £ 2: 00: 00 for his attending Ipswich Court money payd to the Lawyers and Expences

12 Voted to allow Capt. Asa Perley £ 1: s 5 D 0 as a Committee Man Respecting the Road in Despute for money payd time and Expence

13) Voted to allow Solomon Wood 6/0 as a Committee man Respecting the Road in Despute —

14) Voted to allow Mr. Thos. Perley £ 11: s 14 D 0 Money he payd to the Courts Committee on the Road in Despute and to Mr. Lowel and to Evidences —

15) Voted to allow Ens. Paul Prichard 12/0 for his Service Respecting the Road in despute —

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Sept. 16: 1786:

1 Chose Mr. Thomas Perley Moderator of Sd. Meeting

2 upon a motion Made and Seconded the question was put whether the Meeting Should be adjourned and it passed in the afermitive —

3 it was put whether the Meeting Should be adjourned till the first Tuesday in October one Clock after=noon and it past in the afermitive.

Tuesday October 7: 1786
upon the Adjournment of the above Meeting the Town Met again and opned the Meeting and then Adjourned till the Second Tuesday of November one of the Clock after noon

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at a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford October 28: 1786

1 Chose Mr. Thomas Perley Moderator of Said Meeting

2 Voted that the Committee (viz) Solomon Wood Jo'n Hale and Asa Perley Chosen to defend the Actions now depending between the Town and Jacob Gould and others Shall have an additional Power to agree and settle with the Said Jacob Gould and others in behalf of the Town or ~~settle~~ Still defend the Actions to final End and Judgment as the Said Committee Shall think proper

3. Voted to Chuse a Committee to sell the pine Trees on Land belonging to Said Town agreable to former vote of Said Town

4 Chose Ens. David Perkins
Mr. Richard Peabody
and Jonathan Wood } Committee

upon the adjournment of the Meeting from Tuesday October 7: 1766
The Town Met again Nov.r 11 1766 and after reading the warrant
they proceeded to Action —

1st Voted to raise two Hundred pound to defray Town
Charges with the present year —

2d. it was put to Vote to see if the Town would abate
Joseph Cushings Rates in Constables Stephen Merrills
List of Rates and it past in the Negative —

3d. it was put to Vote to see if the Town would abate any
part of William Peleys Rates in said Merrills list of
Rates and it past in the Negative

4th it was put to Vote to see if the Town would allow
Stephen Symonds Bill of Charge it past in the Negative

5th Then the Town Voted to allow the following Bills to
the Several Persons hereafter named (viz)

	£	s	D	qs
to Paul Prichard for Sundays — - -	2	14	1	3
to John Hale for Sundays - - - -	1	17	0	0
to Asa Perley for Sundays - - - - - -	2	13	4	0
to Solomon Wood for Sundays - - - -	1	16	8	0
to Thomas Perley & Abr.m Reddington for their Ingagements to Ebenezer Cutler	20	00	0	0
to the Select Men for Sunday Sums of Money	17	16	6	0
to Nathaniel Perley for the Pound...	13	14	0	0
to Asa Perley and Solomon Wood for the Sunmdy they gave to the Several Persons Hereafter Named (viz) to John Killam Will.m Dill Jacob Gould Nathaniel Peabody and Jonathan Coson - - - -	56	8	6	

it was put to Vote to see if the Town would allow
Moses Peabodys Bill and it past in the Negative

a Record of the Receipts John Killam and others —. (viz)

This May Certifye that the we the Subscribers have settled with the Towns Committee Respecting the Actions Depending Between the Town of Boxford & us ~~the Subscribers~~ For damages & cost on account of Road Each of us the sums persisd a gainst our Names

Boxford Octo.r ye 28: 1766

John Killam - - -	21: 6: 8
William Eills - - - -	8: 13: 4
Jacob Gould - - - -	13: 06 8
Jonathan Town - - -	6: 00 0
Nathaniel Peabody	
Total— - - -	56: 8: 6

Boxford October 20: 1766

Then Rec.d of Tho.s Perley & Abr.m Redington Security by Notes of Hand for the payment of the Sum of twenty Pounds Lawfull money it being for Cost & Damages of a High way throug my Land judment for the same Sum being obtained at the last Inferiour Court of Common pleas halden at Newbury Port on the last Tuesday of Sep.r last past and do hereby acquit and Discharge the Town of Boxford of all & Every Demand I have against said Town on acount of said Judment

Ebenezer Curtis

attest { Moses Putnam
Jonah Redington

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford March 10: 1769 —

First Chose Capt. Isaac Adams Moderater of Said Meeting —

2d. × Chose Capt. Asa Perley
× Mr. Richard Kimball
× Mr. Nathan Andrews
× Mr. Nathaniel Peabody
× Mr. James Pickard
} Selectmen and Assessors

3d. × Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk

4th. × Chose Messrs. Nathaniel Smith
× And Oliver Foster —
} Constables —

5th. × Chose Mr. Jonathan Wood } Treasurer —

6th. × Chose Decn. Stephen Symonds
× Ensn. Paul Prichard —
× Ensn. Gedion Tyler —
} Wardens

7th. × Chose Mr. Nathan Wood
× Messrs. Daniel Peabody
× Samuel Spafford
William Foster —
} Tythingmen —

8th. × Chose Messrs. Jonathan Wood
× Moses Hale
× William Bills
× John Kimball
× Jacob Andrews
George Carlon Junr.
× Amos Kimball
× Lieut Samuel Runnels
Daniel Cole —
} Surveyors of Highways —

9th × Chose Mess.rs William Perley
× Ens.n Paul Prichard
× Joseph Matthews
× Timothy Stiles
× John Curtis
× Jacob Perley
× George Coulton jun
× Ephraim Chadwick
Joseph Wood
× Ebenezer Gilliam } Hogreeves

10th × Chose Mess.rs Nathan Wood
× and Jonathan Wood — } Fence Viewers —

11th × Chose Ens.n Paul Prichard } Sealer of weights and Measures —

12 × Chose M.r Benjamin Perley } Sealer of Leather

13 × Chose Capt.n Isaac Adams
× Lieut. James Andrews } Dear Reaves } all those Officers Marked with this × Mark have been Sworn

14 The question was put whether the Town will Except of the Offer Made by M.r John Tilton of Sudbury for the Maintaining John Symons which is that the said Tilton will give £13: 6 8 towards the Support of the said John. if he may have a full discharge from the Town of Boxford respecting the Maintanance of the said John and it past in the affirmitive —

15 it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Take any Method Respecting the Damage of Roads Passing over Mens lands in said Town as for Fencing against said Roads that have not already been allowed for and it past in the Negative —

16 it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Open a way Formerly lay'd out From Daniel Nurses to Andover Road — and it past in the Negative

17 it was put to Vote to see if the Road Leading from Daniel Nurses to the County Road Should be Mended by the Town and it past in the affirmitive

and then said Meeting was Adjourned unto the Town-Meeting to be holden in this place in May Next —

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford April 23: 1767 —

1) Chose Mr Luke Hovey Moderator of Said Meeting

2) it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Chuse a Committee to use all proper Means to prevent any Charges Comming on Said Town for the Maintaining the New Bridge in Danvers over Watters River so Called and it past in the Negative -

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At a legal Town-Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford May 19 1767 —

Chose Aaron Wood Representative

1.st Chose Capt.n Isaac Adams Moderator of Said Meeting —

2.d it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Chuse a Committee to treat with Dea.n Tho.s Chadwick and Others Concerning the Damages they Sustained by reason of the Road going thro their Land and Said Committee to Make Report to the Town for their Acceptance and it past in the Negative

3.d Voted their Approbation of the Bill Intitled an Act for Regulating the Whale Fishery: which Bill is Now pending in the House of Representatives

4.th Voted to abate Joseph Cushings Rates in Constabel Merrills List of Rates —

5 Voted to abate Bradstreet Tylers Town Rate in In Constabel Porters List of Rates

6 Voted to abate Nathan Davis.s Rates in Constabel Porters List of Rates

7 Voted to abate Jacob Town.s Rates in James Andrews List of Rates

8 Voted to abate the Remaining part of Benj.n Bayles Rates in Constabel Putnams List of Rates

9 Voted to abate 3/0 of Jacob Andrews Rates in Constabel Goodridges List of Rates —

upon the Adjournment of the Town Meeting of March 10th 1767 to the May Meeting the following Bills was allowed: and the Releet abatments on the other page

1 Voted to allow Jonathan Foster 4/8 per week for Bording Mr. Putman Eight Weeks and five days —

2 Voted to allow Gideon Tyler 4/8 per Week for bording Mr. Pulman four Weeks and Three days —

3 Voted to allow Stephen Symonds 4/8 per week for bording Mr. Pulman ten Weeks and five days —

4 Voted to allow Moses Peabody 4/8 per Week for Bording Mr. Pulman ten Weeks —

5 Voted to allow Jonathan Wood and Paul Prichard 8/8 for selling the Towns Pasture the Charges of the Vendue Surveying and Weighting —

6 Voted to allow the Widow Mehetabel Wood 4/0 for the time of her Late Husband Mr. Solomon Wood in settling with Sundary Persons Respecting their Demands for Road —

7 Voted to allow Paul Prichard 10/8 for his time and Expenses in Going to Sudbury and other things Respecting John Symonds —

At a legal Town=Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford began and held in said Boxford on tuesday the 14th day of Sept.r 1767

1 Chose Dea.n Aaron Kimball Moderator of said Meeting.

2 Voted to raise 20£ Pounds to Defray the Rising and and Arising Charges with in the Town the present year

3 Voted to abate 9/0 of Abner Hales Rates in Constable Benj.m Goodridges List of Rates

4 it was put to Vote to see if the Town would abate James Boynton's Rates in Constable Porters list of Rates And it past In the Negative

At a legal Town Meeting Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford began and Held in said Boxford March 8 1768 —

1 Chose Capt. Asa Perley Moderator of said Meeting —

2 + Chose Capt. Asa Perley
+ Dean. Joseph Hovey
+ Mr Ebenezer Hilliam
+ Mr. Stephen Runnels
+ Ens. Paul Prichard
} Select Men and Assessors

3 + Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk

4 Chose Nathan Andrews
+ and David Wood
} Constables

5 + Chose Jonathan Wood — Town Treasurer —

6 + Chose Messs. James Andrews
+ John Hale
and Moses Porter
} Wardens —

7 + Chose Messs. Jonathan Wood
+ James Pickard
+ Ens. John Chadwick
+ Lieut. Nathan Barker
} Tything Men

8 + Chose Messs. Nathaniel Perley
+ Richard Peabody
+ Joseph Mathews
+ James Pickard
+ Jacob Gould
+ Abraham Peabody
+ Moses Kimball
+ Asa Merrill
+ George Carlton Junr.
} Surveyors of Highways

9 + Chose Daniel Peabody
Amos Gould
+ William Perley
+ Moses Hale
Jacob Cummings
+ John Hale
+ Benjamin Porter
+ George Carlton Junr. Asa Merrill
} Hogreeves

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10 + Chose Messrs. Nathan Wood + William Perley — Fence Viewers

11 + Chose Ensn. Paul Prichard Sealer of weights And Measures

12 + Ensn. Ebenezer Curtis Chosen Sealer of Leather

13 Chose Mr. William Eils, Ensn. Gedion Tyler — Deer reeves

And then the Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday the twenty Second day of this Instant March two a-Clock After Noon ....

And then Met.

1 it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Vote to Mend And Repair the High ways and Town Roads the present year and it past in the afermative

2 Voted to Raise £50 to mend and Repair the High ways and Town Roads with this year —

3 Voted to allow a Man 2/0 per day in working out his Rates.

4 Voted to allow 1/4 per day for One pair of Oxen

5 Voted to allow 1/0 per day for a plow —

6 Voted to allow 1/0 per day for a Cart —

7 it was put to Vote to see if the Swine Should go at large this year being well Yoaked and Ringed as the law directs and it past in the afermative

8 Voted to abate Capt. Israel Herricks Rates in Constable Paul Prichard list of Rates —

9 Voted to abate William Runnels's Rates in Stephen Merrills list of Rates —

10 Voted to abate John Hendys Rates, Solomon Coles Rates — And Thos. Spafford Rates — in Constable Moses Porters list of Rates —

11 The Town taking into Consideration the deplorable Circumstance this Country is under respecting the great decay of trade the Scarcity of Money and many other things and that it is Highly Necessary that they Should take all prudent and legal Measures to Encourage their own produce and Manufactories and discourage the unnecessary use of all Foregin Superfluities and discountenance all Vice: and promote and Encourage Industry Oeconomy and good Morals: Therefore Voted that Mr Thos Perley: Aaron Wood Dea. and Mr Luke Hovey be a Committee to prepare some proper ~~Resolves~~ Votes to lay before the Town at their Town Meeting in May next

12 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Except of a Road Lately Laid out from a gate between Richard Tylers Land and of Capt Isaac Adams Northerly near said Tylers House to the County Road near said Adams Barn: and Null the ~~Road~~ Former Road Laid out from said Gate to the County Road near Amos Spoffords Barn - and it past in the affermitive the Road Excepted is Described on a plan taken by Moses Hale Febr 10 1768 and is as followes (viz) beginning at the above said Gate Running 75 Rods 22 Degrees East then 33 Rods North by Degrees ~~East~~

13 Voted to allow John Hale 4/8 per week for Boarding Mr John Wilkins School Master 18 weeks wanting one day

14 Voted to allow Luke Hovey for his trouble don the Town Respecting Roads &c £ s 1-6-0

15 Voted to allow Jonathan Wood for his Service as a Treasurer three years at 12/ per year 1-16:0

16 Voted to allow Jacob Andrews. 2 11 4 for boarding Mr Wilkins School Master from ye 23 of Decbr 1767 to the 13 of March 1768 —

17 Voted to allow Joseph Hovey for boarding Mr Putnam School Master from the 14th of Febr 1767 13 weeks at 4/8 per Week £ 3:0:8

18 x Chose Ens. John Killam Constable in the Room of Nathan Andrews —

19 Voted to adjourn this Meeting unto May Meeting

at a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in said Boxford on Tuesday the 8th day of March Ao 1768

1 Chose Capt Asa Perley Moderator of said Meeting

2 Chose Messs Richard Kimball Jonathan Foster and Deacn Joseph Hovey a Committee and Impowered them to agree with Deacn Thos Chadwick Respecting the Actions the said Thos Has Commenced against the Inhabitants of the said Town of Boxford for the damages awarded John Chadwick by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in the year 1752 and the said Committee to Make report to the Town upon the Adjournment of this Meeting for the Towns Exceptance if the said Committee and Chadwick Shall agree

and then this Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday the twenty second day of this Instant March Ao 1768 at 4 of clock after Noon —

And then met and Voted that Messs Richard Kimball Jonathan Foster and Deacn Joseph Hovey Shall Still be a Committee to Settle the Action with Deacn Thos Chadwick which he has Commenced against the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford for damages awarded John Chadwick Late of said Boxford by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in the year 1752 For the Road being Layd thro the said John Chadwicks Land: and if they Cannot agree with the said Thos Chadwick: then to Answer him in behalf of the Town at Court respecting said Action. — if they Shall agree then to Make report to the Town at the Town=Meeting in May Next for the Towns Exceptance —

at a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in Said Boxford on Wednesday the Eighteenth day of May A.D. 1768

1 Chose Aaron Wood Esqr. to Represent the Town the Present year at the Great and General Court

2 Chose Mr. Thos. Perley Moderator of Said Meeting

3 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate James Curtis' Jun. Sons Rates in Constable Nathl. Smiths list of Rates and it past in the Negative

4 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate James Boyentons Rates in Constable Moses Porters list of Rates and it past in the Negative

5 The Town Voted the Following Resolve (viz)
Whereas this Province Labour under a Heavy debt Incurred in the late war: and the Inhabitants by this Means Must be for Some time Subject to Very Burdensom Taxes: and as trade has for Some years been on the Decline and is now perticularly under great Embarasments and Burthened with heavy Impositions: our Medium Exceedingly become Very Scarce and the Ballence of Trade greatly turned against the Country: and this Town in their Proportion with other Towns feel the Sad Effects thereof. — as it is the duty of Every Individual to aim at the Publick good of the Society whereof he is a Member So it is the duty of Every Incorperated Body to aim at the general good of that Country of which they are a Part: and all tho: this Town be but Small a Mong the Many Towns in the Country yet this Town would do Every thing in its Power towards the promoting every Publick Good: and the discountenancing all Vice: — the Poverty of the Town and its Situation being Such that the Inhabitants have Never yet been able to go into the use of Many Articels Mentioned in the Votes of the Free=Holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston at their Meeting at Fanuel=Hall on Wednesday the 28th: of October 1767

yet they Cannot wholly Excuse themselves from the use of some of the Superfluties Mentioned in said Votes Therefore the Town would Strongly recomend it to every House Holder and Head of a Family &c. Endeavor as Much as they Possably Can to Lessen in their Family the use of all Foreign Superfluties and to use Such things in the Room thereof as shall be of their own Manufactries and to do Every thing they Can to promote Industry Oeconomy and Frugality and to ~~discourage~~ discountenance all Sorts of Vice and Imoralities —

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and Held in said Boxford on Thursday the Twenty Second day of Septr A.D. 1768

1ly Chose Capt^t Asa Perley Moderator of said Meeting

2ly Voted to Chuse a Man to Represent them in a Convention Proposed to Meet at Faniel Hall in Boston this Day in order that Such Measures may be Consulted and Advised as His Majestys Service And the Peace and Safty of the Subjects in the Province May Require —

3ly Chose Aaron Wood For that purpose

4ly Voted that he shall have the same pay for his services as a Representative pay has been since he has been to Court —

at a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in Boxford Sepr 22 Ao 1768

Firstly Chose Capt Asa Perley Moderator of Said Meeting

2ly Voted to Raise £5 £ to defray the Necessary Charges of the Town with this year

3ly Voted to Except the Report of a Comittee in the Words Following (viz)

agreable to a Vote of the Town of Boxford March 22 1768: We the Subscribers have agreed with the said Chadwick in the Following Manner (viz) the said Chadwick doth promise ~~and agree~~ & Engage that on the Towns Voting him £ 3: s 14: d 8 the Money paid John Chadwick Junr and the Simple Intrest of said Sum a Mounting to £ 3: s 11 - d 7 qr 2 and the Charges In Comming said action against said Town a Mounting to £ 1: s 4: d 8 the ~~the~~ Whole ~~thi~~ being 8:10 11:2 Lawfull Money that he will trouble the Town no Further till others are paid for their Road in said Town: and further more the said Chadwick doth promise that when ever he shall Received the full of what was awarded ~~him~~ John Chadwick Late of Boxford Deceased by the General Sessions of the Peace he will Reduct out of said award the above said Sum of 8 10 11:2

Boxford May 16th 1768 Thomas Chadwick

Richd Kimball
Jon Foster } Committee
Jos Stover

4ly Voted to abate Richard Merrills Rates in Constabels Oliver Fosters list of Rates

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in Said Boxford on Tuesday the 14.th day of March A.o 1769 —

1ly Chose Capt.t Isaac Adams Moderator of Said Meeting

2ly + Chose Capt.t Asa Perley
+ Capt.t Isaac Adams
+ M.r Richard Foster
+ M.r Moses Porter
+ M.r Nathaniel Perley
} Select Men and Assessors —

3ly + Chose Aaron Wood Esq.r } Town Clerk —

4ly + Chose M.r Nathan Andrews
+ and M.r Benj.a Porter Jun.r
} Constabels

5ly + Chose M.r Jonathan Wood } Treasuer —

6ly Chose Aaron Wood Esq.r
+ M.r Stephen Gould and
+ M.r Oliver Foster ——
} Wardens —

7ly + Chose M.r Jonathan Wood
+ M.r John Dorman Jun.r
+ M.r Luke Hovey and
+ M.r Nathan Kimball
} Tythingmen

8ly + Chose En.s Ebenezer Curtis
+ M.r William Eills
+ M.r Jacob Andrews
+ M.r Jacob Hazzen
+ M.r William Perley
+ M.r Asa Merrill
+ M.r Stephen Runnels
+ M.r George Carlton Jun.r &
+ En.s M.r Gedion Tyler ——
+ M.r Hugh Pebley — —
} Surveyors of High ways

9ly + Chose Liev.t James Andrews
+ En.s Paul Prichard
+ En.s Ebenezer Curtis + Jedediah Peabody
+ M.r Ebenezer Killum
+ M.r Nathan Low
+ M.r William Perley
+ M.r George Carlton Jun.r
+ M.r John Robbenson
+ M.r Asa Merill and
+ En.s Gedion Tyler ——
} Hogreves —

10ly + Chose Liev.t James Andrews
+ and En.s Paul Prichard
} Fence Viewers

11ly + Chose En.s Paul Prichard } Sealer of weights and Measures —

12ly + Chose M.r Benjamin Perley } Sealer of Leather —

13ly + Chose M.r James Curtis Jun.r
+ and M.r Samuel Spafford
} Deer Reeves — } Carried to the other Side

all those Officers Marked with this + mark have been Sworn

14.ly Voted Mr Ephraim Chadwick the Sum of two Pounds Eleven Shillings and four pence in full for the Principal and Interest of the Money he paid his Brother John Chadwick for the Road going thro his Land: And whenever the County Roads in this Town shall be paid for in general then this Same Sum of two pounds Eleven Shillings and four pence is to go toward paying the said Ephraim his proportion of what shall be allowed him for Road going thro his Land—

15ly Voted to accept of a way Laid out by the Select-Men on the Petition of Abraham Peabody & others according to the Plan which is in the following words (viz)

From Andover Line the Road runs on Mr John Hoveys Land One Hundred and Seventy Three Road: Then on Middletons Lindalls Cross the Wid.o Websters Hoveys & the Wid.o Woods Seventy Eight Rods Then on Samuel Kimballs & Ebenezer Middletons Seventy five Road From Bradford Line thro Middletons Fifty One Rod then Thro Kimballs to Peabodys Land One Hundred and four Rod Then on Ab.m & Nathaniel Peabodys Land One Hundred & fourteen Rod which Reaches to Mr N Peabodys House—

From Andover Line to Mr Peabodys (as the Road goes) Five Hundred and fourty four Rod or once Mile & an half and Sixty four Rod:

From Andover Line the Road Takes its Course North-Easterly Till a boute twenty Eight Rod to the east of Kimballs Barn. Then from Bradford Line it Runs a South-Easterly Course till it Comes to Mr Peabodys—
Done by a Scale of 20 Rod to an inch

16: Voted to Mend the Highways by a Rate this year

17 Voted to Raise Sixty Pounds for that purpose

18 Voted to allow a Man 2/0 per day for working on the High way 1/4 per day for a pair of Oxen 1/0 per day for a Cart And for a plow 1/4 per day

19 Voted to abate Jacob Hales Rates in Constables Nath.l Smiths List of Rates John Sterns and Abijah Browns Rates in the Said Nath.l's List of Rates:

20 Voted that Hogs Should go at Large this year being well Yoked and Ringed as the Law Directs.

21 Voted to allow Jon.a Foster 4/8 per Week for Boarding Mr Cummings two weeks

Voted to allow the Revd Mr Cushing 4/8 per Week for Boarding Mr Cummings Eleven Weekes—

Voted to allow Dea.n Joseph Hovey 4/8 per Week for Boarding Mr Cummings Thirteen Weekes—

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of [illegible] begun and held in [illegible] May 21 1784

Chose Aaron Wood Esq. Representative

Firstly Chose Capt. [illegible] Moderator of said Meeting

2ly Voted to abate Richard [illegible] the Poll Rate in the [illegible] in Constable Benjamin Goodridge List of Rates

3ly Voted to abate John [illegible] George [illegible] in Constable [illegible] Wood's List of Rates

4ly Voted to abate [illegible] Head Rate in Constable David Wood list of Rates

5ly Voted to abate [illegible] Head Rate in Moses Porter's [Constable] List of Rates

6ly Voted to abate [illegible] Head Rate in Constable Moses Porter list of Rates

7ly Voted to abate [illegible] the Remaining part of [illegible] Head Rate in Constable [illegible] List of Rates

8ly Voted to allow John [illegible] for boarding Mr. [illegible] School Master Nine weeks and one day at [illegible] pr Week [illegible] —

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Sepr. 21 1764

1 Chose Mr Jacob Cummings Moderator to Regulate Said Meeting

2 Voted to Raise Twenty Pounds to defray the Charges of the Current Year

3 Voted to Assess the County Tax and the Town Tax in one list of Rates.

4 Voted to Chuse a Committee to Settle the line between the County Road and the Heirs of Mr. Nathll Symonds Decst And Also to take Care of the Towns Interest on Said Road And to Make Return — And Chose

5 Mr. Jacob Cummings, Ens. Curtis and Mr. Ebenezer Killum } Committee

6 Voted to abate Richard Crees Rates in John Killums list of Rates

7 Voted to allow Lieut. James Andrews two Pounds Sixteen Shillings upon the Acct. of His Son John Keeping School ten Weeks to Make him up even what Other School Masters Has had—

8 Voted to allow Stephen Symonds 4/8 per Week for Boarding Mr. Cummings Eleven Weeks—

9 Voted to allow Paul Prichard 4/8 per Week for Boarding Mr. Cummings Eight Weeks ——

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford: begun and held in Said Boxford on ~~Monday~~ Tuesday the 13: day of March A.D. 1770 —

1ly Chose Capt. Asa Perley Moderator of Said Meeting.

2ly Chose Jonathan Wood
+ Lt. Samuel Runnels
+ Nathan Andrews
Nathaniel Peabody
+ Jacob Cummings
} Select Men

3ly Voted that the above Select Men Should be the Assessors

4ly + Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk

5ly Chose Stephen Gould
Samuel Cole
} Constabels

6ly Voted to Except of + Asa Merrill to Serve as Constabel in the Room of Saml. Cole

7ly Chose Jonathan Wood Town Treasurer

8ly + Chose John Dorman Junr.
+ Richard Peabody
Capt. Isaac Adams
} Wardens

9 + Chose Nathan Wood
+ Ens. Paul Prichard
Lt. Nathan Barker
Lt. Jonathan Foster
} Tything Men

10 + Chose Jacob Gould
+ Jeremiah Foster Junr.
+ Nathaniel Smith
+ Jacob Perkings
+ Nathan Wood
+ Jedidiah Stickney
+ George Carlton Junr.
Oliver Foster
+ John Hovey Junr.
William Foster
} Surveyors of Highways

11 + Chose Ebenezer Killum
+ William Bills
+ Ens. Ebenezer Curtis
Lt. James Andrews
John Batman
Francis Perley
+ Jacob Perley
Asa Merrill
George Carlton Jur.
Moses Kimball
Richard Hovey
Ebenezer Peabody
} Hogreves

12 + Chose Nathan Wood
Asa Tyler
} Fence Viewers

+ 13 Chose Ens. Paul Prichard Sealer of Weights and Measures

+ 14 Chose Benjamin Perley Sealer of Leather

15 Chose Ens. Gedion Tyler Deer Reeve

+ 16 Chose Lt. John Hale Clerk of the Market

all those Persons Marked with this Mark + have been Sworn

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17 Voted to Mend the Highways and Town Roads by a Rate
18. Voted to Raise £50 to Mend the Highways and Town Roads with
19 Voted Voted to allow a Man in Working out His Rate
2/0 per day for a pair of Oxen one day 1/4 for a plow one day 1/4
for a Cart one day 1/0 —

20 Voted that for the Future Whensoever the Town Shall Mend their
Roads by a Rate that the Several Surveyors in the Town Shall
Some time in the Month of October Annually Return each
of their Lists of Rates to the Town Assessors and if it Shall appear
that there be any Person or Persons that hath not Work^d out their
Rates that what Remains due the Assessors Shall add into Each
Delinquents next Town tax in a Collum by it Self—
21 Voted that the Swine Shall go at Large being well yoaked and
Ringed as the Law directs
22 It was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate any part
of Stephen Goulds Rates in Constable John Williams List of Rates
and it past in the Negative —

23 Voted to allow Jonathan Bixby for Boarding Mr Cumming
the School Master Eleven Weeks and an half at 4/8 per week

At a legal Town Meeting begun and held in Boxford on
Wednesday the twenty eighth day of March A^D 1770
1 Chose Lieu^t John Hale Moderator of Said Meeting
2 Chose En^s Paul Prichard Clerk for the day
3 + Chose Lieu^t John Hale Select-Man and Assessor in the
Room of Jonathan Wood who Refused to Serve —
4 + Voted to Except of Benjamin Pooley to Serve as a Constable
In the Room of Stephen Gould - - - .

at a legal Town Meeting of the Free Holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally assembled on Thursday 24 of May 1770 The Town did then elect and depute Aaron Wood Esqr. to Represent them in the Great and General Court appointed to be Convened held & Kept at Cambridge—

and then the Town Chose Mr. Thomas Perley to Moderate Said Meeting—

2ly) the Town Voted in the Words following (vis)

at a legal Town Meeting of the Free Holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally assembled on Thursday 24: day of May AD 1770 the Town taking into their Most Serious Consideration the distressing Circumstances this People are Reduced to by means of the hard and Oppressive acts Imposing duties on Sundary articels usually Imported here from Great Brittain which till of late was unknown to us and the Sending Troops here to force us to Comply with the Same under pretence of aiding the Civil Majestrate and their Most Inhumane and Barbarous actions Since their being quartered in the Town of Boston in abusing wounding and Killing Some of the Inhabitants thereof Contrary to the Laws of God and Man and the unparreled Patience and prudence of the Inhabitants of the Said Town of Boston being Very desirous of doing all in their power to restore and preserve their Liberties Sensible that the Virtous Resolutions of the Merchants and Traders not to import goods and Merchandise from Great Britain ought to be applauded by all—

Therefore Voted that the quartering Troops in this Province in a time of profound peace under pretence of aiding the Civil Majestrate when Justice untill they were quartered here was so Impartially administred is a great Greivance and that their so Barbarous Sheding Innocent Blood with their other Cruelties Committed on the Fifth of March last in the Town of Boston is alarming and Shocking to the last degree and that the patience and prudence of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston in Consequence of that Horred and Bloody Scen ought always to be Rembred and Spoken off to their praise

2 Voted that they will to their utmost Encourage the Produce and Manufacture of all Such articels as have Formerly been Imported from Great Britain and used a Mong them—

3 that they will not use any Foreign Tea nor Suffer it to be used in their Families Cases of Sickness Excepted untill the duty upon it Shall be wholly taken off the Duty on which has so largly Contributed toward the Support of Such a —— Set of Men

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4) Voted that they will not by any Means whatever Knowingly have any Sort of Trade or dealings with those detestable Persons who have prefered their own little Interest to the good of Country in Continuing to Import goods Contrary to the non Importation agreement of the Merchents and Traders on the Contenent: and that whosoever shall be found to trade with them Knowingly shall be deemed unworthy to hold any office or place of trust in the Town For ever hereafter —

3ly it was put to Vote to See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to offer to the Inhabitents of the Town a Subscription to Sign against purchasing the above Mentioned goods or Useing Foreign Tea and it past in the afirmative

The Town Chose
Ens.n Paul Prichard
Capt. Asa Perley
Mr. Luke Hovey
Committee for the purpose afore said

4ly Voted that Samuel Dorman should have pay for a Wild Cats Head if it Shall appear that he has not had his pay therefor before —

5ly Voted to allow Ens.n Gedion Tyler 4/8 per Week 13 Weeks for boarding the School Master —

At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Boxford begun and held in Boxford on Teusday the 18.th of Sept.r AD 1770

Firstly Chose Mr. Nathan Wood Moderator of Said Meeting

2ly Voted to Raise £40 to defray the Charges in the Town the Current year —

3ly Voted that the County and Town Rates Shall be Lay.d in one List of Rates this year —

4ly it was put to Vote to See if the Town Would abate Daniel Nurss.s Rates For Russes Burnam's head Rate in David Wood List of Rates and it past in the Negative —

5ly it was put to the Town to See what advice they would give their Representative for the Rule of his Conduct Relative to the Stand the Great and General Court has made Respecting their not doing business untill the Court may be Removed to its antient and Rightfull place of Setting the Town House in Boston — but they did not Chuse to give their advice —

6ly Voted to allow Joseph Hovey For boarding the School Master Mr. Porter From the 27.th of March last 13 Weeks at 4/8 pr week £3 : 0 : 8

7ly Voted to allow John Hale For bording Mr. Porter eight Weeks at four Shillings & Eight per Week Sept.r 18 1770 —

At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in Boxford Tuesday the 12th day of March AD 1771

Firstly + Chose Capt. Asa Perley Moderator of Said Meeting —

2ly + Chose Capt Asa Perley
+ Capt Isaac Adams
+ Mr. Jacob Cummings
+ Mr. Stephen Runnels
+ Leut. Paul Prichard
} Select Men and Assessors —

3ly + Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk

4ly + Chose Mr. Joseph Hale Junr.
Dean Thomas Chadwick —
} Constabels

5ly + Chose Mr. Jonathan Wood - Town Treasurer

6ly + Chose Mr. Benjamin Goodridge
+ Mr. James Curtis
+ Mr. Stephen Merril
} Wardens

7ly + Chose Ensn Ebenezer Curtis
+ Mr. William Perley
+ Mr. Samuel Carlton
+ Ensn John Chadwick
} Tything Men

8ly + Chose Leut. John Hale
+ Mr. Nathan Wood
+ Mr. William Eills
+ Mr. John Dorman Junr.
+ Mr. Jeremiah Foster Junr.
+ Mr. Abraham Tyler
+ Mr. Samuel Cole
+ Mr. Nathaniel Peabody
+ Mr. John Robbenson
+ Mr. Ephraim Foster
} Surveyors of Highways

9ly + Chose Mr. Jacob Peabody
+ Mr. John Wells
+ Mr. Nathaniel Smith
+ Dean Stephen Symonds
+ Mr. John Herrick
+ Mr. Joseph Curtis
Mr. William Foster
+ Mr. John Robbenson
Mr. John Pearl
+ Leut Jonathan Foster
} Hogreaves

10th + Chose Mr. Richard Peabody
+ Mr. Daniel Chapman
} Fence Viewers

11ly + Chose Leut Paul Prich and Sealer of weights & Measures
+ Chose Mr. Samuel Stickney Sealer of Leather

12ly + Chose Mr. Ebenezer Killam Deer Reef —

The Remainder of this Meeting is Carried over Leaf —
all those Offices Marked with this + Marke have been Sworn

Brought From the other Side of the Leaf

13th Voted to Mend the Highways and Roads by a Rate this year —
14th Voted to Raise £70 to Mend the Highways and Roads with this year
15th Voted to alow a Man in Working out His Rates 2/0 per day
For a pair of oxen 1/4 per day: For a Cart 1/4 per day
For a plow 1/4 per day —
16th Voted to Except of a Town Road Described by a plan taken by Lemuell Wood Surveyor
The plan of the Road is in the Following words (viz)
a plan of a Cross Road in the North Parish in Boxford: Beginning at the
Foot of the Buring Place Hill (So called) and Running South-Westerly
(as the Fence now Stands) to the Road Called Ipswich Road the length of is
Ninty three Rods and Fifteen Lenks of the Chain: and one Road and an
Half in wedth: Done by a Scale of 20 Rods to inch the owners of sd Land to
Keep good Gates a Cross the Road: Lemuel Wood —
17th Voted that the Swine Shall go at Large
This year in this Town being well yoaked
and Ringed according to Law —
18th Voted to allow Levt. John Hale £ 2: s 2: d 0 for boarding Mr. Porter
Nine Weeks at 4/8 per Week —
19th Voted to allow Mr. Jonathan Wood For Serving as Treasurer three
years two Dollors per year —

At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of
Boxford legaly assembled on Wednesday 22 day of May
Ao 1771 — Chose Capt. Asa Perley Representative

1 Chose Capt. Isaac Adams Moderator of said Meeting —
2 Chose Samuel Spofford Constable for the North District
3 Voted to abate Zebediah Fosters head Rate in Constable Asa
Merrills List of Rates —
4 Voted to allow Joseph Hobbs £ 2: s 11: d 4 for boarding the
School Master Eleven Weeks —

at a ~~Legal~~ Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legaly Assembled September 4: 1771—

1 Chose Capt Asa Perley Moderator of Said Meeting—

2 Voted to raise £80: to defray Town Charges this year—

3 Chose Deacn Joseph Hovey a Select Man and Assessor in the Room of Stephen Runnals Deceasd—

4 Voted to Except of Ensn Daniel Prichard to Serve Constable in the Room of Samuel Spafford—

5 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would allow any of the Surveyors of High ways more More More Money to Mend the High ways in the Town this year and it past in the Negative—

6 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate Moses and Asa Tylers Rates in Constabel Asa Merills List of Rates and it past in the Negative

at a Town Meeting meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford being legally Assembled Thursday Octor 24 1771

1 Chose Capt Isaac Adams to Regulate Said meeting—

2 Voted that Capt Isaac Adams Ensn Daniel Prichard Mr Richard Peabody Mr Nathan ~~Wood~~ and Mr Nathan ~~Wood~~ Andrews be a Committee to a gree with Joseph Robbenson Luke Hovey William Luke Man Josiah Sessions and the Widow Hannah Runels Respecting the Roads Going thro their land

3 Voted to Adjourn the Meeting to Thursday next two of the Clock after Noon — — —

1 upon the adjournment Voted to allow Luke Hovey the Sum of eight Pound in full for what the Courts Comtte allowed him for the Road going thro his land—

2 Voted to Chuse a Committee to See if they can agree with ~~Mr~~ Joseph Robbenson William Lukeman Josiah Sessions and the Widow Hannah Runels Respecting the Assessments the Courts Comtte assessed them to for the Road going thro their Land: and if they cannot a gree with them then to pursue any other method in the Towns behalf respecting that matter that Said Committee Shall think proper Voted Mess Richard Peabody Nathan Andrews and Benjamin Perley be the Committee—

3 Voted that the County and Town Rates Shall be layd in one list of Rates—

4 Voted to raise eight Pound to pay Luke Hovey for the Road going thro his Land—

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally assembled on March ye 10 AD 1772

1 Chose Capt Isaac Adams Moderator of said Meeting

2 + Chose Mr Nathan Wood
+ Capt Isaac Adams
+ Mr William Perley
+ Lieut Jonathan Foster
+ and Mr Richard Peabody
} Select men and Assessors

3 + Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk

4 Chose Mr Jacob Gould
+ and Mr Jonathan Wood
} Constables

5 + Chose Aaron Wood Treasurer

6 + Chose Mr James Prichard
+ Mr Nathaniel Perley
and Deacn Thos Chadwick
} Wardens

7 + Chose Mr Benjamin Perley
+ Mr John Herrick
Mr William Foster
Mr Asa Merrill
and Mr Nathaniel Perley
} Tything-men

8 + Chose Mr William Eills
+ Mr Moses Peabody
+ Ensn Paul Prichard
+ Mr Richard Peabody
+ Mr Joseph Brown
+ Mr Luke Hovey
Mr John Pearl
+ Mr Jedediah Stickney
Mr Amos Spafford
+ and Mr Amos Kimball
and Mr Daniel Cole
} Surveyors of Highways

9 + Chose Mr Jacob Perkings
+ Mr Benjamin Goodridge
+ Mr John Curtis
+ Mr Joshua Rea
+ Mr Elias Smith
+ Mr Timothy Stiles
+ Mr William Perley
Mr Samuel Cole
Mr Moses Porter
Mr Moses Kimball
+ and Mr John Hovey
+ Mr Abner Curtis
+ Mr Jacob Andrews
+ Deacn Stephen Symonds
} Hogreves

10 Chose + Messrs Richard Peabody
+ And Nathan Andrews
} Fence Viewers

11 Chose Ensn John Killum
Lieut Nathan Barker
} Deer Reeves

12 Chose + Ensn Paul Prichard Sealer of Weights & Measures

13 + Chose Mr Benjamin Perley Sealer of Leather

all those Offices with this + mark have been Sworn

this Meeting is Continued to the Other leaff

14: Voted to Except of a Road laid out by the Select men Feb.ʳ 28 1772
In the words following (viz) — We the Subscribers have laid out
a Town Road beginning at Elias Smiths Gate by Topsfield
Line thence through said Elias Smiths Land as the Cart way
goes to John Smiths Land thence through said Smiths land
as the Cart way goes a long between said Smiths House and
Barn to Thoˢ Symonds'ˢ Land thence through said Symonds'ˢ
Land and land of Joseph Browns and land of Joseph
Andrewsˢ as the Cart way goes untill it Comes to a Small Yellow
Oak Tree on the Southwest Side of said way thence North 20
Degrees west 20 Rods & 6 tenths to a Red Oak Tree thence North
19 degrees west 17 Rods and two tenths to a Red Oak Tree: thence
North 0 Degrees East 13 Rods and two tenths to a Heap of Stones
Thence North 10 Rods to a Small white oak tree: thence North
2 Degrees west 8 Rods to White Oak Tree on the Ridge by Cedar
Swamp thence North 25 Degrees west 16 Rods to a Red Oak
Stump: thence North 11 Degrees west 8 Rods and 5 tenths to a
Stump thence North 25 Degrees west 11 Rods & 7 tenths to a
Stump: on North of the Swamp: thence North 56 Degrees
West 18 Rods and 4 tenths to Benjamin Dwenills fence thence
on said Dwenills Line to a heap of Stones on a Knowl: thence
North 55 Degrees east 11 Rods to a heap of Stones: thence North
17 Degrees east 2 Rods and 7 tenths to a Tree thence North 35 west 32
Rods to west way Brook: thence North 10 Degrees west 4 Rods
to a heap of Stones thence north 39 west 6 Rods to the Road by
Hales Saw Mill: the above is a true Discription of said
Road according to the Plan —

Boxford Febʳʸ 28 1772 —

Asa Perley
Isaac Adams
Joˢ Hovey
Paul Prichard

Select=men of Boxford

15 Voted to pay the Constables for the future for Collecting the
Town County and Province tax — 30 for paying 25 a gainst it

16 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would allow them six pence
upon the pound for Collecting and it past in the Negative

17 upon a Motion Made and Seconded it was put to Vote to See
if the Town would adjourn the Meeting and it past in the
affirmative

18 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Vote the Meeting
should be adjourned to the 24 day of this Instant March at
two of the Clock after Noon and it past in the affirmative
and then the Moderator adjourned the Meeting accordingly —

March 24: 1772

then the Town met according to adjournment
and what was then transacted upon the adjournᵗ
is recorded on the other side of this leaf — — — —

upon the Adjournment

Firstly — Chose Ens^n Gedion Tyler Asa Peabody: Surveyors of Highways

2ly it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Reconsider the Vote they past for the Exceptence of ye Road laid out by the Select Men Feb.^r 28 1772 and it past in the afermitive —

3ly Voted to abate John Stiles^s Rates in Constables Benjamin Puleys list of Rates —

4ly to Vote Mend the High ways and Roads by a Rate this year

5ly Voted to Raise Sixty pounds to be Expended in Mending the Said High ways and Roads with this year —

6ly Voted to allow a man 2/0 per day in working out his Rates on the Said High-ways and Roads for a pair of Oxen 1/4 per day a Cart 1/0 per day a plow 1/4 per day

7ly Voted that the Swine Shall go at large this year being well Yoaked and Ringed according to law

8ly it was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate Dea^n Joseph Hales &c Head Rate in Constable Joseph Hales list of Rates and it past in the Negative —

9ly Voted to allow Mr Jonathan Wood 12/0 for Serving as Treasurer for the Town the last year

^10ly upon a Motion Made and Seconed it was put to Vote to See if the Meeting Should be Adjourned it past in the afermitive and it was then put to Vote to See if the Meeting Should be Adjourned into May Meeting and it past in the afirmitive: and then the Moderator Adjourned the Meeting accordingly

^ Voted to allow William Sills 5/6 for thirty Feet of Plank and a String pece — —

Voted to allow Jeremiah Fosler Ju^r 28/0 for Plank and String peices — — —

1772 -- May 21 upon the Adjournment of the foregoing Meeting it was put to Vote to See if the Town would reconsider the Vote for paying Constables for Collecting Town County and Province ~~Rates~~ Taxes for the future and it past in the afirmitive 34 for reconsidering and 7 against it - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

1 Voted to Except of John Hewith to serve as Constable in the Room of Jacob Gould - - - - - - - - -

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally Assembled May 21 A-D 1772 Capt Asa Perley Representative —

Firstly Chose Mr. Thomas Perley Moderator of said Meeting

2ly it was put to Vote to See if half the Town Meetings Should be held in the Meeting House in the Second Parish for the future and it past in the Negative

3ly it was put to Vote to See if any of the Meetings Should be held in in the Meeting House in the Second Parish for the future and it past in the Negative

4ly Voted to abate Elijah Dormans Rates in Constable Joseph Hales list of Rates - -

[illegible] of John [illegible] to serve as Constable in the [illegible]

1 [illegible] - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally assembled on Monday the 14 day of Sept.r 1772
1ly Chose Mr. Nathaniel Peeley to Regulate said Meeting
2ly Voted to raise £40 to Defray Town Charges with the Current year
3ly Voted that the assessors Shall Levy the County and Town Rates In One list of Rates the present year - - - - - - - -
4ly it was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate Joseph Goulds Town Rates or Grant him Some Relief with regard to his not Having a Road to his Land in Boxford and it past in the Negative - -
5ly it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Chuse a Committee to Joyn with a Committee of the Neighbouring Towns and the owners of the Mill Dams on Ipswich River in Fixing upon some Suitable and Convenient way for the Fish Comming up said River
6ly it was put to Vote to See if the Town would pay the Charges of the Courts Committee For their Service in laying out a Road thro part of Boxford on the Petition of John Smith and others also all other Lawfull Charges Relating to said Road: and it past in the Negative
and then the Meeting was dissolved —

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally assembled on Tuesday the 24th day of Novr 1772
1ly Chose Mr. Ebenezer Killum Moderator to Regulate said Meeting —
2ly Voted to raise £62: 8: 0 to pay Joseph ~~Thomas~~ Robbenson and others what was awarded them by the Courts Committee For Fenceing their Road ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
3ly Voted that the said 62:£:8:0 Should be laid in the Same list of Rates with the Money already Voted to Defray Town Charges
4ly Voted to Chuse a Committee to View Mr. Joseph Goulds Road and to See if there be a Reserve in the antient Deeds thro the Several persons land thro which the said Road goes from the said Goulds land in Boxford to the County Road Near Mr. Hobbs or whether there be any part of said way where there is no Reserve and to Make return to the Town of their doings herein Voted that Mr. Ebenezer ^Killum^ Mr. Jacob Cummings and Mr William Eells be the Committee —
this Meeting is Continued to the Next leaf —

5ly Voted to Chuse a Committee to Joyn with the owners of Mills in Ipswich & the Neighbouring Towns on Ipswich River in Fixing upon upon some Sutable and Convenient way for the Passage of Alewives up the Said River - - - - - - - -
also Voted that Mr. Benjamin Perley Doct. William Hale and Lut. Paul Prichard be the Committee —

6ly upon a Motioned made and Seconded The Town Voted to adjourn the present Meeting till the First Tuesday in January next at two of the Clock after noon - - - - - - - - - - -
and then the Moderator Adjourned the Meeting accordingly

January 5 1773

Then the Town Met upon Adjournment after hearing the Report of the Committee and debating the Matter with Mr. Joseph Gould the said Mr. Gould proposed that if the Town would Vote the Money that shall be Assessed on the Non Residents that live in the Towns of Topsfield and Middleton for Mending and Repairing the High Ways and Road in Boxford shall be Workt out on his Road from the County Road to His Tenement on Bald Hill so called he would be Fully Satisfied therewith untill the Town shall otherwise order it and it was put to Vote and it past in the affirmitive —

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Legally assembled on Thursday ye 21 day of January 1773

1ly Chose Mr. Thomas Perley Moderator of Said Meeting

2ly Voted that Mr. Thos. Perley, John Cushin Esqr., Mr. Moses Putman, Deacn. Joseph Hovey and Revd. Jonathan Foster Should be a Committee to take under consideration the Many unconstitutional Inovations and infringments Made and Making on our Rights and priviledges which we think calls aloud on us publickly to Assert our Violated Rights and unite with the Town of Boston and other Towns in endeavouring to Recover them by proper Resolves or otherwise:

Then the Moderator Declared the Meeting to be Adjourned till this day Fourtnight two of the Clock after Noon which is Febr. the fourth day ═

at the Adjournment the Town being a gain assembled in Town Meeting the above said Committee Reported to the Town in the Words following (viz)

At a Meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford; on the 4.th day of Feb.ry 1773: Regularly assembled by Adjournment from January 21st to take into Consideration a Letter Sent to us From the Town of Boston together with the Proceedings at a late Meeting of the Inhabitants of S.d Town said letter and Proceedings were publickly read. and after being duly considered it was Voted: that the Thanks of the Town be offered to that Respectable Community: not only for Their own unalterable Firmness and Heroick Exertions in the Cause of Liberty but also For the Care and Vigilence they have Exercised in Rousing up their Brethren, through the Province to consider of Some proper Methods; which may be taken to avert the Many unconstitutional Inovations that have been and are Still imposing upon us. We Judge it unnecessary to Particularise the Many grievances we labour under or to enumerate the Many Bold and glaring attempts offered by the British Parliament, and Ministry to deprive us of our Natural Rights and Charter Priviledges; but concur with the Results of the Town of Boston at a Meeting on the 20th of Nov.r last both in Stating the Rights of the Province and in Setting forth the Infringments thereon; they being agreeable to our Sentiments which we think not only our ~~duty~~ indispensable Duty to Show at this critical time but also that it is the Duty of Every incorporated Town throughout this Province altho never So Small: on these Principles we have acted Knowing ourselves to be enroled in the lower Class of those Societies; yet are desirous to exert our utmost abilities in all legal and constitutional Method to break (if possible) the Iron Hand of Oppression and prevent the welding the last link in our chain of impending Slavery: also —
Voted that the Town Clerk transmit an attested Copy of the Foregoing Letter to the committee of correspondence at Boston —
the Same being Read and put to Vote past in the affirmitive

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Legally Assembled on March 9th: 1773—

1 Chose Capt. Asa Perley Moderator of said Meeting—

2+ Chose Mr. Nathan Andrews	Select Men & Voted the same Men Assessors	
+ Capt. Isaac Adams		
+ Mr. Moses Putnam		
+ John Cushing Esqr.		
+ Mr. Willm. Perley		

+3 Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk

4 Chose Mr. Richard Peabody and Mr. Samuel Carlton — Constables
+

+5 Chose Aaron Wood—Treasurer

+6 Chose Mr. Jeremiah Foster Junr.
+ Mr. Daniel Ways
+ Mr. Nathan Kimball — Wardens

+7 Chose Mr. Moses Peabody
+ Mr. Nathaniel Perley
+ Mr. Amos Spofford
+ Mr. John Hovey Junr. — Tythingmen—

8+ Chose Mr. John Curtis
+ Mr. Richard Foster
+ Mr. James Pritchard
+ Mr. Stephen Gould
+ Mr. John Putnam
+ Mr. Jonathan Wood
+ Mr. Abraham Tyler
+ Mr. Moses Kimball
+ Mr. Luke Hovey
Lieut. Samuel Runnels
+ Mr. Asa Merrill — Surveyors of Highways—

+9 Chose Mr. Nathan Wood
+ Mr. Asa Tyler — Fence Viewers

10+ Chose Mr. William Ellis
+ Mr. Joseph Curtis
+ Mr. Abner Curtis
+ Mr. Benjamin Goodridge
+ Ensn. Gideon Tyler
+ Mr. Richard Hovey
+ Deacn. Thomas Chadwick — Hogreeves

11+ Chose Ensn. Paul Pritchard—Sealer of weights & Measures

12+ Chose Benjamin Perley Sealer of Leather

13+ Chose Ensn. John Killum Deer-reve—

all those Mentiond with this + Mark have been Sworn

the Remainder of this Meeting is Recorded on the other Side of this leaf—

14 Voted to Mend the High ways & Road by a Rate the Current year

15 Voted to Raise Sixty Pounds to Mend the Said High ways and Road with

16 Voted 2/0 per day to a Man for working on the Said High ways & Road ~~with~~ 1/4 per day for a pair of Oxen 1/0 per day for a Cart 1/4 per day for a plow —

17 Voted that the Swine Shall go at large this year being well yoaked and Ringed according to law —

18 Voted to Except a Road Lay^d out by the Select Men from Rowley line Near M^r. Moses Peeleys Barn on the West Side of the Stone wall to the Brook at the Head of Elders Pond So called as May more fully appear by the plan of Said Road in the word following (viz) Lay^d out a Road by us the Subscribers from Rowley Line to the Brook at the Head of Elders Pond So Called through M^r. Moses Peeleys Land two Rod wide Bounded as follows (viz) Beginning at Rowley Line Bounded Easterly on the wall untill it comes Near to Said Peeleys Barn: thence to the corner of the wall of S^d. Peeleys Shop thence on the wall as it now Stands and from Southerly end of Said Wall to the wall that parts S^d. Peeleys Field and Pasture: So on the wall untill it comes to the Gate Near the Brook: then the west Side of Said Road Bounded on the Fence untill it comes to the Brook.— Said Road is allowed to have Gates on it where they are wanted: —

Boxford Feb.^ry 22 1773 —

Said Plan was taken by Paul Prichard by a Scale of ten Rods to an Inch ——

Nathan Wood
Jonathan Foster
Isaac Adams
Willm Peeley
Richard Peabody

} Select — Men for Boxford —

19 Voted M^r. Nathan Wood Capt. Isaac Adams M^r. Willm Peeley } Should be a Committee to agree with M^r. Moses Peeley Respecting the opning the way through his land —

20 Voted to abate Eleazer Fish^s: Rates in Constable Benj^a. Peeleys list of Rates

21 Voted to abate Alen Porter^s: Rates in Constable Oliver Fosters list of Rates —

22 Voted to allow the committees Bill of Charge that was Chosen to agree about the Fish way on Ipswich River ———

to Doc^r William Hale 8/0 to M^r. Benjamin Peeley 13/4

to Ens^n. Paul Prichard 6/0 ——

23 Voted to allow M^r. Benjamin Peeleys Bill of Charge as a Committee man Respecting Joseph Robensons Road with other Sundry Articles in the whole Amounting to 3: 18: 2 —

24 Voted to alow M^r. Nathan Andrews^s: Bill of Charge for his Service in being a committee man to agree with Joseph Robenson and others for the Road going over their land: Amounting in the whole to 24/0 —

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally Assembled March: 23 1773—

First Chose Mr. Nathan Andrews Moderator of said Meeting—

2ly Voted to Except of Mr. John Hale to serve Constable in the Room of Mr. Richard Peabody: and he has been sworn into his Office——

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally Assembled May 18 1773— Aaron Wood Representative—

1 Chose Capt Asa Perley Moderator of said Meeting—

2 Voted the Article Respecting a Road thro Mr. Moses Perleys land Should lye untill the Next Town Meeting and the Committee in the Mean time be directed to Make further Search in the Matter and Report their opinion and what further light they May obtain Respecting that Matter at the Next Meeting——

3 Amongst other things the Town Taking under consideration the Many alarming circumstances the People upon this Continent are under Respecting the Infractions that has within these Few years been Made and are still Making upon Their Natural civil Legal and constitutional Rights in Instances two Many perticularly to Mention: that are very tender and Dear to them: we think that it is not the duty of any People to ly groaning under such great evils without acting upon the very first principals of Nature For the great Governer of the Universe has Made it the duty of His People to indeavour the Preservation of their Lives and Interests— The Jews being being in great distress by the evil plotting of a Wicked Minister: who Sought the utter distruction of all the Jews in an Hundred and twenty and seven Provinces: but they acting upon the first principals or law of Nature in Standing for their lives had the ~~had the~~ satisfaction thro the Interposition of Divine Providence to see that Wicked Man suffer justice: and his ten sons Hanged upon the Gallows: and then turned unto them from sorrow to Joy and from Mourning into a good day— Perusing what was don in the House of Burgesses in Virginia last March Respecting the appointing a Standing Committee of correspondence and Inquiry &c to keep up and Maintain a Correspondence and communication with their sister Colonies Respecting those Important Matters that so Nearly affect them— this Town looks upon it to be a Most safe and salutary Measure: therefore do give it as an Instruction to our Representative to use his ~~best~~ utmost Indeavours that such an appointment May be Made by the House of Assembley in this Province in their approaching Sessions: with such Instructions as are given to the committee ~~for~~ by the House Burgesses in Virginia

4 Voted to allow Mr. Richard Peabody one pound three shillings ten pence and two farthings for sundry services for the Town– – –

at a Meeting of the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally assembled one the 7th day of Sept.r 1773

1ly Chose M.r Nathan Andrews Moderator of said Meeting:

2ly Voted to raise £50 to defray Town Charges with the present year

3ly it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Vote the Money Petitioned for James Curtis Joseph Curtis and Ebenezer Killam a consideration for a high way laid through their Land and it past in the Negative

at a Meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford duly qualifyed and warned in Town Meeting assembled on Monday the 20.th day of Dec.r A.D 1773

1ly Chose Capt. Asa Perley Moderator

The Town Clerk communicated the proceedings of the Town of Boston at their Meetings the 5th and 18th of Nov.r also a letter addressed Requesting the sence of the several Towns of of the present glooming situation of our publick affairs and the other papers accompanying the same they being Read

2ly Voted to chuse a Committee to consist of three to consider of the same and Report to the Town at the Adjournment

3ly Voted that Capt. Asa Perley M.r Nathan Andrews and Sol Paul Prichard be a Committee for that purpose

4ly Voted to give M.r Moses Perley ten Pounds in full for the Road a being lay.d thro' His land From Rowley line to the Brook at the head of Elders Pond so called two Rod wide in Case ~~in Case~~ he shall Fence out the same an open Road

5ly upon a Motion made and seconded the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 27th day Instant 2 o Clock after Noon

Monday 27th day the Town Met again according to Adjournment the Committee reported to the Town in the Words following (viz) —— This Town having taken under their Deliberately Consideration the Many and Grevious acts of the British Parliament to deprive us of our Charter Rights and Priviledges but more alarmed at the late act of the British Parliament Passed in the last Sessions of Parliament whereby the East India Company in London are Empowered to Export their Teas on their own account to the British Plantation in

in America and to Dispose the Same to Sale Subject to a Duty payable in America to be Collected by a Sett of Men whose their Egyptian Task Masters which if Submitted to we fear will prove fatal to the Collonies — Therefore it is the Resolution of this Town to do all thats in their Power in a Lawfull way to heave off this yoke of Slavery and to unite with their Brethreen of the Town of Boston and the Other Towns in this Province to Defend our Rights and Charter Priviledges not only with our Estates but with our lives if called thereunto in a Lawfull way: Considering how dear those Rights and Priveledges were Purchased for us by our ~~Forth~~ Fore Fathers at the Expence of their own Blood and treasure — Whereas Some of the Merchants of Boston to their Shame and ~~Contempt~~ Contrary to their agreement have Imported teas Subject to Duty payable here all though it be but a Small Quantity yet we do look upon all such Persons who import teas upon any pretents whatsoever Subject to the payment of a Duty in America are in an Eminent degree Enemies to their Country and ought to be treated with Contempt and detestation — and the Town Return their hearty thanks to the Committee of Correspondence of the Town of Boston and to the Inhabitants of Said Town for their Heroick Exsertions of them Selves in the Defence of all our Rights and Preveledges against such Persons as have sought to inslave us

the above Report being Read it was put to Vote and past in the affermitive and also Voted that the Town Clerk transmit a a Copy thereof to the Committee of Correspondence at Boston —

2ly upon a Motion Made and Seconded it was put to Vote to see if this Meeting Should be adjourned untill the Second Tuesday of March Next 4 oClock after Noon upon the act of Mr. Moses Peeley at it past in the affermative

3ly upon a Motion Made and Seconed it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Reconsider the Vote for adjournment and it past in the affermative

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally Assembled March 8: A D- 1774

First Chose Capt Asa Perley Moderator of said Meeting—

2ly + Chose Capt. Asa Perley
+ Capt. Isaac Adams
+ Mr. John Curtis
+ Mr. John Robenson
+ Mr. Benjamin Perley
} Select-Men and Assessors

3ly + Aaron Wood } Town Clerk

+ 4ly Mr. John Herrick
+ Mr. William Foster
} Constables

+ 5ly Mr. Nathan Wood } Treasurer

6ly + Mr. William Gilts
+ Mr. William Perley
Mr. Samuel Cole
} Wardens

+ Mr. Benjamin Perley
Mr. John Dorman Junr.
+ Mr. Asa Merrill
+ Lieut Nathan Baker
} Tythingmen

+ 7ly Mr. Nathan Low
+ William Perley
+ Joshua Rea
+ Dea William Hale
+ Simeon Stiles
+ Ebenezer Killam
+ Lieut ~~[illegible]~~ Nathan Baker
+ John Pearl
+ Capt Isaac Adams
+ Daniel Cole
+ Joseph Robenson
} Surveyors of High-ways

8ly Mr. + Moses Perley
+ Nathaniel Perley
+ Ebenezer Killam
+ Thomas Killam
+ Nathan Andrews
+ Nathan Kimball Junr.
+ Samuel Kimball
+ Moses Porter
+ Ephraim Foster
+ Joshua Rea
+ Jeremiah Foster Junr.
+ Richard Foster
} Hogreeves

all those Names Marked with this + Mark have been Sworn—

9ly Mr. + Nathan Wood
+ Richard Peabody
Abraham Tyler
} Fence Viewers

10 Mr. + Nathaniel Perley Sealer of Weights & Measures

11 Mr. + Daniel Nurse Sealer of Leather

12ly Mr. Jacob Cummings
+ Daniel Chapman
} Deer Reeves

This Meeting is continued to the other leaf—

13 Voted to Mend the High ways by a Rate this year
14 Voted to raise Sixty Pounds to Mend the said High ways with this year
15 Voted to alow a Man 2/0 per day for working out his Rates on the High ways for a pair of Oxen per day 1/4 for a Cart 1/0 per day a Plow 1/0 per day
16 Voted to open the Road leading from the School House near Moses Kimballs to the County Road near Capt. Isaac Adams's Barn — also Voted to accept of a Road laid out by the Select Men from Capt. Adams's Barn Northeasterly to Rowley line being fourty Eight Rods long and two Rods Wide —
17 Voted to abate Richard ~~Davis~~ Merills Rates in Daniel Duckers list of Rates a former Constable —
18 Voted Capt. Isaac Adams Mr. Thomas Peeley and Mr. Nathan Wood to be a Committee to Joyn with a Committee sent from Rowley to Streighten the line from Rogers's Tree so called to the Pine Stump in Order to know on which side of the ~~way~~ line the House of Mr. Lemuel ~~Sm~~ Spaffords Stands —
19 Voted that the Swine should go at large this year being well yoaked and Ringed as the law directs —

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at a Meeting of the Free Holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Legally assembled May 17th A.D. 1774 ——

- Elected and Deputed Aaron Wood Esqr. to Represent Them in the Great and General Court ————

1 Chose Capt. Asa Peeley Moderator of Said Meeting —
2 Voted to pay John Hale £ 9: 12: 0 in full for the Damage he has sustained by a Road Laid thro his Land by a Committee from the Court of Sessions
3 Voted to pay Nathan Low for the Road going thro His Land £ 2: 02: 0
4 Voted to pay ~~Joseph~~ Joseph Andrews for the Road going thro his Land £ 12: 15: 0 ....
5 Voted to pay Thomas Symonds for the Road going thro his Land £ 9: [illegible]
Voted to pay Joseph Brown for the Road going thro his Land ... 6: 17:
6 Voted to Lemuel Wood the sum of 8/0 for his service in taking a Plan of a Road from Andover line by Mr. Joseph Hoveys to Mr. Lemuel Kimballs in the year 1769 —
7 Voted to Chuse a Committee to Consist of three to agree with the Proprietors of Land thro which a Road goes beginning at the School House Near Mr. Moses Kimballs to Capt. Adams's Barn
8 Voted to abate Jonathan Towns Rates in Constable John Hovey's list of Rates ————

the Committee appointed to agree with the Proprietors of Land thro which a Road goes beginning at the School House Near Mr. Moses Kimballs to Capt. Adams Barn — are Mr. Nathan Wood Capt. Asa Peeley Lt. Willm. Hale

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of
The Town of Boxford legally assembled Monday 5th day of
Sepr. A.D. 1774

1ly Chose Capt. Asa Perley Moderator of said Meeting —

2ly Voted to raise £140 to Defray the Charges of the Current year
and to pay what is already Due —

3ly Voted to Chuse Three Men in behalf ~~of~~ the Town to Joyn with a
Committee from Marblehead and other Towns in this County
which are to Meet at Ipswich the 6th day Instant —
Mr. Thos. Perley Deacon Joseph Hovey and Capt. Asa Perley
are appointed for that purpose —

4ly Voted to Chuse a Committee to Joyn with a Committee Chosen
by the Town of Rowley to perambulate the line betwixt said Towns
and Renew the Bounds and Make new ones where Necessary —
Capt. Isaac Adams Mr. Nathan Wood & Mr. Nathl. Perley are appointed a Comittee for ye purpose

5ly Voted to allow Aaron Wood 2/4/0 for serving the Town two years
as a Treasurer —

6: Voted to abate Jonathan Peabodys Rates in Constable John Kimballs
list of Rates —

At a Meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabitants
of the Town of Boxford legally assembled Monday Sepr. 26: 1774

1 Chose Aaron Wood to Represent ~~them~~ at the Great and
General Court to be holden at Salem —

1 Chose Capt. Asa Perley Moderator —

2 Voted to abate Jonathan Town: Rates in Constable John Hales
List of Rates —

At a legal Town Meeting holden at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford Decr. 29th 1774 —

1ly it was put to Vote by the Select Men Whether ye Town would Adjourn the Chusing a Man or Men to Represent the Town in Provential Congress: Voted in the afirmative accordingly it was adjourned to ye 5th day of Jany next at one o'Clock after Noon —

2ly Chose Majr Asa Perley Moderator —

3ly Chose W. Hale Clerk Pro Tempore

and then Adjourned the Meeting to the afore Said 5th day of Jany at one o'Clock: Test Wm Hales Clerk Pro Tempore

Boxford Decr 29: 1774 —

January 5: 1775

The Town Met according to Adjournment —

1ly the question was put whether the Adjournment of the above Meeting Should be held Voted and yea and it past in the afirmative

Chose Majr Asa Perley Member of the Provencial Congress —

2ly Voted to give Something to those Soldiers that Shall Train equip and Hold themselves in Readiness to March on any Emergency in Defence of the Province

3ly Voted that John Cushing Esqr Mr Thos Perley Deacn Joseph Hovey be a Committee to prepare a proper Vote for that purpose

4ly Voted the Same Committee Should prepare a proper Vote Respecting the Several Constables Collecting and paying to Henry Gardner Esq the Province tax assessed on the said Town for the year 1774 also any ~~tax~~ Sum or Sums of Money that may yet Remain in the Hand of the Constables for the year 1773 —

then the question was put whether the Meeting Should be Adjourned it past in the afirmative and then the Meeting was accordingly Adjourned to the 19th day of January Instant — one o'Clock after Noon —

and then the Town Met according to Adjournment

and the Committee Made Report in the Words following (viz)

1 That every able bodied Man who Shall Enlist arm Equip and hold himself in Readiness agreable to the advice of the late Provincial Congress to March on any Suden Emergency in Defence of the Charter Rights and Priviledges of this Province Shall be paid out of the Town Treasury at the Rate of one Shilling L.M. for every half day (not to Exceed two half days in a Week) that he Shall Spend in learning the Military art after he has passed Muster and put himself under Proper Officers: to be paid from the time he begins to train in Manner aforesaid till the next Annual Town Meeting in

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March and to continue the ~~same~~ Same Wages till they Shall be called to action if the Town dont see fit to raise them before or Dismiss them from said Service.

2 That when the Men who Shall enlist as above sd. shall be called for to March in defence of the Province they are to be allowed the same Wages out of the Sd. Town Treasury that the Officers and Soldiers were allowed in the last war in case they are not paid by the Province

3 That every Such Soldier who Shall Enlist as above and Carefully attend to the Military Excercise as above Mentioned Shall be entitled to his first payment on the day of our next annual Meeting—

1 That the Constables for the year 1774 be directed to pay the Province Tax for said year to the Town Treasurer to be by him remitted to Henry Gardner Esqr. for the use of the Province if wanted and also that the Constables be Required previs to their taking their Lists of Rates to give Bond to the Town Treasurer for the payment of the Sd. Province Tax or so Much of it as they Shall be able to collect

2 that the Constables for the year 1773: be directed also to pay the Sum or Sums of Money that may yet Remain in their Hand of the Province Tax for Sd. year to the Sd. Town Treasurer to be by him Remitted in Manner afsd. and that the Town will protect and indemnify the Sd. Constables in so doing:—

3 That the Town Treasurer be allowed a reasonable Compensation for the time and trouble he is at in the affair

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at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westford legally assembled Feby. 20 1775—

1 Chose Capt. Isaac Adams Moderator of Said Meeting

2 Voted to Raise Fifty seven Pounds sixteen Shillings and Eight Pence and to be laid in One List of Rates and that the Assessors Order the Several Constables for the year 1774— to pay the above Sum to the Town Treasurer by him the said Treasurer to be Remitted to Henry Gardner Esqr. in Lieu of the Province tax for the year 1774—

3 Voted That the Constables for the year 1773: or any former Constables pay the Province Money ~~in~~ in their Hand to Henry Gardner Esqr. and the Town to Hold Them Indemnified—

At a Meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally assembled Tuesday 14 day of March 1775 —

1 Chose Mr. Jacob Cummings Moderator of said Meeting —

2 Mr. + Nathan Andrews
Capt. + Isaac Adams
Mr. + Nathan Wood
+ John Cushing Esqr.
Mr. + Moses Putman — } Select-Men and Voted the same Men Assessors —

3 Aaron Wood — Clerk

4 + Mr. Richard Foster
+ Lt. Jonathan Foster } Constables

Mr. + Nathan Wood — Treasurer

Ens. + John Killam
Mr. Francis Perley
Mr. + Richard Peabody } Wardens

Mr. + William Eills
Mr. + Daniel Wood
Mr. + Nathaniel Peabody
Mr. + Richard Hovey } Tything-Men

Messrs. William Eills
Asa Smith
+ David Kimball
+ Stephen Symonds
+ Thos. Killam
Aaron Wood
Nathaniel Perley
+ Jedediah Stickney
+ Nathan Kimball Junr.
Moses Tyler
+ Joseph Robenson
+ Samuel Kimball
+ Asa Merrill — } Surveyors of High ways

Aaron Wood
+ Messrs. Moses + Putman
+ Abraham Tyler } Fence Viewers

Mr. + Nathan Wood — Sealer of weights & Measures

Ens. + Ebenezer Curtis Sealer of Leather

Mr. + Abner Curtis
Lt. Jacob Gould } Deer-reeves —

Messrs. + Ebenezer Killam
+ Jacob Andrews
Gideon Bixby
+ Abner Curtis
+ David Kimball
+ Richard Peabody
+ Francis Perley
+ Nathan Wood
+ Jonathan Foster
+ John Hovey } Hogreeves

These Markt + have been Sworn

This Meeting is Continued over leaf —

Voted to Mend the Highways by a Rate the Insuing Year
Voted to Fifty Pound to be Expended in Mending and Repairing the High ways the present year —
Voted to allow a Man 2/0 per day in Working out his Rate on the High ways for one pair of Oxen 1/4 per day for a Cart 1/0 per day for a Plow 1/0 —
Voted that the Swine Shall go at Large this year being well yoaked and Ringed
Then Voted to pass over the other Articels in the warrant for the present and act upon the Articel Respecting the Minut Men which is the 10th articel
Voted that the Minute Men Shall train one half day in a Week for four Weeks after this Week is ended —
upon a Motion Made and Seconded the question was put whether the Meeting Should be Adjourned till Tuesday the Eleventh day of Aprill Next and it past in the afirmitive and then the Moderator Adjourned the Meeting Accordingly — to the Eleventh day of Aprill one o Clock after Noon —

Aprill 11 1775 the Town Met again According to Adjournment
Voted to pass over the Seventh Articel which had Respect to the dividing the Money for Schooling &c —
upon the 8th articel the Committee Made no Report
the Committee appointed to perambulate the line between Boxford and Rowley appeared: but was not Ready to report any doings thereon —
Voted to abate Jonathan Peabodys Rates in Constable John Hales List of Rates
Voted to abate Eliphelet Perleys Rates in Constable John Hales List of Rates:
Voted to allow Doctr William Hale 1/4 per Week for 39 Week he Kept Hannah the Daugher of John Stiles

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally assembled Aprill 11 1775 —

1 Chose Mr. Moses Putnam Moderator

2 Voted to Chuse a Committee to Joyn with a Committee of the Town of Rowley Respecting Mr. Samuell Spofford &c —

3 Voted that the Committee Consist of three

Voted that Capt Isaac Adams
Mr. Thos. Perley
Mr. Nathan Wood } Should be the Committee

4 then the Meeting was Adjourned till the Second Tuesday of May Next at one of the Clock after noon —

The Town Met according to adjournment upon a Motion and Seconded the question was put whether the Meeting Should be further Adjourned and it past in the affirmitive: and then the Meeting was Adjourned untill the May Meeting Next one of the Clock after noon.

May 23 The Town Met again According to Adjournment and upon a Motion — Made and Seconded the Meeting was further Adjourned untill the Next Town Meeting in this Place one of the Clock after noon —

July 11 1775 the Town Met According to Adjournment and Voted to Set off Nathaniel Perkins with all the Interest that he now owns in Boxford to the Town of Rowley agreeable to a plan Exhibitted (Excluding Jacob Perkins House and Barn) to the Town of Rowley in Case that the Town of Rowley Shall Set off Samuel Spofford with the Interest that he owns in ~~Boxford~~ the Town of Rowley agreeable to a plan there of Exhibitted to the Town of Said Boxford So that the Said Nathaniel Perkins may for the future do duties and Receive Priviledges in the Town of Rowley and the Said Samuel Spofford for the future to do duties and Receive Priviledges in the Town of Boxford —

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Properly Assembled for that purpose — Mar 23 177[illegible] —

1 Chose John Cushing Esqr. Moderator

2 Voted that one third part of the Town Stock of Ammunition Shall be Keept in the Second Parish in this Town for the Future.

3 Voted ~~that~~ all Pamphlets or Papers that Shall be Sent to this Town that are of a publick Value Shall for the future be lodged in the Town-Clerks Office — and the Keept for the use of the Town —

Then the Town passed the Following Vote (viz)

Whereas our Civil Constitution under Some Circumstances is Prevented of opperation in its Full Force at present and that There has been and it is Still to be Feared that there are Men among us that are Very unfriendly to the Common Rights and liberties of Mankind And who may prove Very harmfull [?] to the Common ~~Com~~ Cause of Liberty if they are not prevented by being early detected after they Shall be found out:— and whereas on the Other hand Inocent Persons are liable to Suffer by ill disposed Evil and Malicious Men: Who May thro Evil disposition Revenge themselves upon Their Inocent Neighbours under the pretence of their being Tory when They had not the least Reason or Colour For such a pretention

For Remedy whereof Voted that ~~Voted that~~ there be a Committee of Safety Appointed to Consist of Seven any five of whom to be a Coramm: Whose business it Shall be that when any person or Persons belonging to or Comming to reside in this Town Shall be Suspected of being unfriendly to the Common Rights and libertys of Mankind or Shall be one of those Commonly Called Torys and Complaint or information thereof Shall be Made to any One of Said Committee they Shall forthwith Set and Cause the Suspected person or persons to be Convened before them Hear the Complaints or allegations Examine the Evidence and if they Shall upon Examination find the Person or Persons Accused Inocent of the Crime alledged against him they Shall acquit him or them and Signify their Inocency to the Publick that their Characters May Stand Fare as they ought or if they Shall find them Guilty of the Crime Charged against him or them they Shall publish their Names and their Crimes to the World but if the Said Committee Shall Judge the Person or Persons Accused to be so Far Criminal as to deserve it they Shall then Immediately Carry

Carry — Them to the Committee of Safety for the Province and lay their Crimes and the Proofs thereof before said Committee for their Consideration thereon

and that whosoever shall undertake or be anywise aiding or assisting in Hurting or distressing any person or Persons Interest or property under Pretence of their being Torys or Otherwise at their own Option without informing the Committee as afores.d the said Committee of Safety for the Town shall Immediately Cause such Person or Persons to be taken into Custody and Carry.d before the Committee of Safety for the Province then to be dealt with and punished at their discretion — This Voted to Continue and be in force untill the Town shall otherwise Order it —

The Committee appointed are —
John Cushing Esq.r
Thos. Perley
Nathan Wood
Deac.n Joseph Storey
Deac.n Stephen Symonds
Richard Peabody
Doc.r Will.m Hale —

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally assembled Sep.r 25 1775 —

1 Chose Deac.n Stephen Symonds Moderator of s.d Meeting —

2 Voted to raise One Hundred and Fourty Pounds to Defray Town Charges with this year —

3 Voted to allow Maj.or Asa Perley twenty Nine Pounds fifteen Shillings for his Travel and Attendence as a Member of the Provential Congress from Feb.y 1775 to May June July 1775

4 Voted to allow Aaron Wood as a Member of the General Court in May & June 1774 — 5 - 15 - 0 and in Oct.o for travel and attendence at Salem Concord and Cambridge — 3: 15 - 0 —
9 10: 0

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Legally assembled November 20 1775 —

1 Chose Deac.n Jos.h Storey Moderator of said Meeting —

2 Voted to pay the 16 Men that the Select Men and Comm.tt of Safety: Sent to the Assistance of the Inhabitants of Cape-Ann and also the 10 Men that the said Select Men and Committee of Safety sent to the Assistance of the said Inhabitants of Cape-Ann a Second time agreable to the Request of the Inhabitants of the said Cape-Ann provided that the Province shall not pay them

2 Voted to allow Ens.n Gideon Tyler for boarding the Town School Master 12 Weeks at 4/8 p.r Week total 2: 16: 8 —

At a Meeting of the Free Holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford duly qualified to Vote in Town Meetings — Legally Assembled for the Choice of Town Officers & other affaires —

1st Chose John Cushing Esqr. to Regulate said Meeting

2dly + Chose Mr. Nathan Andrews
+ Capt Isaac Adams
+ Mr. Nathan Wood
+ John Cushing Esqr.
+ Mr. Richard Peabody
} Select=Men and Assessors

3dly + Chose Aaron Wood — Town Clerk

4ly Chose Mr. Nathaniel Perley Constable and upon his desire the question was put to see if the Town would Excuse him and it past in the affirmitive —

5ly Chose Mr. Jeremiah Foster Jun
Capt Will.m Perley
} Constables
and upon their desire the question was put to see if the Town would Excuse them and it past in the affirmitive —

6ly Chose Mr. Nathaniel Perley and Mr. Nathaniel Peabody } Constables

7ly Chose Mr. Nathan Wood — Treasurer

+ 8ly Chose Mr. Benja. Perley
+ Mr. John Willet
+ Capt Jonathan Foster
} Wardens

9th + Chose Mr. Asa Peabody
+ Capt Will.m Perley
+ Mr. Abraham Tyler
Mr. Daniel Cole
} Tything Men

10th + Chose Mr. Jeremiah Foster Jun.r
+ Mr. Solomon Gould
+ Mr. Ebenezer Killum
Mr. Asa Smith
Aaron Wood
+ Mr. Amos Perley
Mr. Benjamin Porter
+ Ens John Chadwick
+ Mr. John Pearl
+ Mr. Samuel Cole
+ Mr. Samuel Spofford
} Surveyors of High ways

11 + Chose Mr. Abner Curtis
+ Mr. Simeon Stiles
Mr. Moses Perley
+ Mr. William Dills
+ Mr. David Kimball
+ Mr. Amos Spofford
Mr. Richard Hovey
Mr. Moses Kimball
} Hogreeves

13 + Chose Mr. Jacob Perley Sealer of Weights and Measures

15 + Chose Mr. David Kimball Sealer of Leather —

Chose Mark Smith this March + has been Sworn —

1[illegible] + Chose Decn. Stephen Symonds
+ Mr. Nathan Andrews
Mr. Moses Porter
} Fence Viewers

16 Voted to Chose Seven Men as a Committee of Safety &c and the following Men were Chosen (Viz)

Maj.r Asa Perley
Decn. Stephen Symonds
Capt Jonathan Foster
Mr. Nath.ll Perley
Capt Will.m Perley
Ens John Chadwick
Decn. Joseph Hovey

Then upon a Motion Made & Seconded the question was put to see if the Meeting Should be Adjourned till Monday the Eighth Day of Aprill Next 2 of the Clock after Noon in this place and it Past in the affirmitive and the Moderator declared the Meeting Adjourned accordingly —

1776 Aprill 8

The Town Met again according to Adjournment

1 Voted to Except of William Porter to Serve as a Constable in the Room of Nathaniel Peabody and he has been Sworn

2 Chose Nathaniel Smith Haywere

3 Voted to Mend the High ways and Road by a Rate the present year

4 Voted raise 60£ to Mend the Roads and highways with the present year

5 Voted to allow to a Man 2/8 per day in Working out his Rates for a Pair of Oxen 1/6 per day for a Cart 1/0 per day for a plow 1/0 per day

6 Voted that the Swine Shall go at large this year being well Yoaked & Ringed According to law

7 Voted to abate Eli Burnams Rates in Willm. Foslers list of Rates a former Constables -

And also Voted to abate Samuel Stafford Head Rate and his ~~[illegible]~~ Rates for his personal Estate being 22/6

and also Voted to abate Joseph Haveys Rates all in the Said Foslers list of Rates —

Voted to abate Abraham Smiths Rates In John Henrikes list of Rates a former Constable —

Voted to take 5/0 per lb for the Powder Delivered out of the Town Stock for the use of the Colony ———

Voted to allow to Deliverance Lehmann for boarding the School Master 13 Weeks at 4/8 per Week ---------- 60/8

Voted to allow the Wid° Mehetabel Wood for boarding the School Master One Week and an half at 4/8 per week —— 7/0

Voted to allow Nathan Wood 4/8 for boarding the School Master One Week —— Voted to allow Ephraim Fosler due plus upon him 1: 7: 7: 1/4 —

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Legally assembled Monday the 27 day of May 1776

1 Chose Lieut Benjamin Perley Moderator of said Meeting

2 Voted to give the Representative Instructions

3 Voted that Mr. Moses Putnam, Mr. Daniel Chapman & Deacn Stephen Symonds should be a Committee to prepare Instructions: who reported the following Draft which was Voted —— viz) To Aaron Wood Esqr. Sir whereas in Consequence of a Petition from the County of Essex praying for an equal Representation a Resolve of the General Court was obtained: even after the Precept for a New Choice were sent out enabling any Town which Consisted of 120 Freeholders to send Three Members to the Court when we consider how suddenly the thing was done and how the County by their Member was drawn in to Petition for such an alteration in the Constitution and the Evils that may follow thereupon if that Resolve is not set a side: — we Instruct you to use your utmost Endeavours if possible to have that Resolve set a side and the Form of Representation brought back to the old Form of Law: also that you Endeavour that Each Town shall support their own Representatives — Furthermore we desire you to use your Endeavours that all men who have at any time appeared unfriendly to the Common Cause of Liberty in which we are so Gloriously struggling may be frowned upon and not be allowed by any Means to hold any office in the Government and that those Men have distinguished themselves by their firmness and attachment to the good of their Country be ~~allowed to~~ advanced to places of Power and trust in this Critical Day and in all matters that may Come before the great & General Court we trust you will use your utmost Endeavours to promote our happiness in Connection with the Publick Good ——

4 Voted to allow Nathaniel Perley for Three days service in Running the Line between Boxford and Rowley —— 9/0

- at a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Medford June 17 1776:

- agreeable to a Resolve of the House of Representatives June 7: 1776 The Town of Medford Met the 17:th of June 1776 and Voted unanimously that if the Honorable Continental Congress Should for the Safety of the Colonyes Declare Them Independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain they the Said Inhabitants will Solomly Engage with their Lives and Fortunes to Support them in the Measure - - - - - ———

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at a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Medford Legally Assembled on Monday ye 7:th day of Octr. 1776 ——

1 Chose Capt. John Cushing Moderator —

2 Voted to raise One Hundred Pound to defray Town Charges with the Current year ——

3 Voted to abate James Boyntons Rates in Willm Fosters list of Rates a Former Constable ——

4 Voted to Chuse an Officer to take Recognuence of Debts agreeable to the Directions of a late act of the General Assembly ——

5 Chose Capt. John Cushing to be the Officer for that purpose

-6 1 It was put to Vote to See if the Town would Consent that the Present House of Representatives of this State together with the Counc Should consult agree upon and enact such a Constitution and Form of Government for this State as they Shall on the Most Full and Mature Deliberation Judge to be Most conducive to the Peace and Happiness of this and all Succeeding Generations and it past in the Negative —

7 Voted to allow Amos Putey 5/0 per week for boarding Master Foster Eight Weeks and two days ——

At a Legal Town Meeting begun & held in Boxford
the 28th Day of Nov.r 1776 — Chose Dea.n Jos. Hovey Moderator

1 it was put to Vote to See if the Town will for the future
be at the Charge of hiring Such a part of Men to go into
the Service as the Authority Shall call for: and it past
in the afirmative —

2 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would reconsider
the preceding Vote & it passed in the afirmative

3 it was put to Vote to See if the Town will Vote to defray
the charges of hiring Such Men as Shall be called upon
by Authority to go into the publick Service for the future
upon condition that the Town will consider the Service
of those Men that have hired or gone ~~into~~ in Person upon
any preceding campaign Since the present war commenced
as Justice Shall dictate and it passed in the afirmative

4 The Town Voted to chuse a committee consisting of Seven
Men to Examine the State of the Town relative to the
above circumstances & Make Such an Estimate as they
Shall think Equitable —

5 Voted the following Gentlemen a Committee for the purpose
above Said (viz) Mess.rs Thos. Perley John Willet Capt Jacob
Gould Mess.rs Nathaniel Perley Moses Porter Maj.r Asa Perley
and Mr. John Chadwick —

6 Voted that the Committee Make Report at the Adjournment

7 Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to Thursday the
5th day of Dec.r at 2 oClock & it was accordingly adjourned —

Dec.r 5 1776 the Town Met upon the Adjournment —

~~1 it ~~was~~ is was put to See if the Town will allow to each
commission Officer who has been in any Campaign Since
the war commenced as they have allowed the Privates
in the Same Campaigns and it passed in the Negative~~

2 1 Voted to Except the First clause in the Report of the
Committe

2 Voted to Except the 2 Remaining clauses in the abovesaid
Report —

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3 it was put to ~~Vote~~ see if the Town will allow to Each Commission Officer who has been in any Campain since the war Commenced as they have allowed the Privates in the same Campains and it passed in the Negative

4 it was put to Vote to see if the Town will authorise the Committee to regulate the List or Roll according to the Rule by them Exhibited to the Town & it passed in the affirmative

5 Voted to Chose a Committee to take the care of hiring and providing Men for the future for the publick service —

6 Voted that the Committee should consist of Three —

7 Voted Capt. Jacob Gould Mr. Nathaniel Peasley & Dr. Gideon Tyler a Committee for the purpose afors.d —

8 Voted to impower the above Committee to hire such a Sum of Money in the Towns behalf as they shall have Occasion for in procuring the Men that are now called for from this Town by authority —

9 Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned and it is accordingly adjourned to thursday the 19th of Dec.r Instant to Meet at this place at 1 oClock P—m—

The several Votes passed by the Town as above are a true Copy of s.d Town transactions, Copy attest Jo.s Stoney Moder.r

Dec.r 19 1776 the Town Met again according to Adjournment — and Voted to Adjourne the Meeting to Monday 23.d day of Dec.r Instant 2 oClock after noon

Dec.r 23 The Town Met again according to Adjournment

1 Voted to raise £600 to Defray the Charges risen and a Rising respecting the war

2 Voted to Except the ~~—~~ Rule reported by the Committee In the words following (viz) at a Meeting of the Committee Chose by the Town to Examine the State thereof Relative to the Service which have been done in the present war either by hiring or going personally, They ~~they~~ Came to the following Rule of Estimating said Service — (Continued to the next page)

1ly That all Persons belonging to this Town who have hired other Men to Serve in their behalf in any Campaign Since the Present war Commenc'd Shall Receive their Money again Let the Sum be greater or less: which Sums being added together and divided by the Number of Men Hired therewith the Quotient theme arising is the Sum which Shall be allowed to Each Noncommissioned Officer and Private Soldier belonging to this Town who Personally did a turn in that Campaign —

2ly that nothing be allowed to those which have Rec'd hire from Men belonging to a nother Town —

3ly The above Rules to be Observed in all Campaigns that have been called for as yet Except the following (viz) that at Roxbury and Winter Hill for which Each man Shall Receive two Dollars for that at Dorchester Each man Shall Receive Four Dollars and that at Glocester half a Dollar per man by which Rule s^d Committee Reports according to the List or Roll herewith Committed — which Rolls are as followeth (viz)

Cambrige Campaign

	£	s		£	s
Jacob Haggen	3	3	John Stiles	3	3
Asa Smith	3	3	John Town Junr.	3	3
John Town	3	3	Elijah Gould	3	3
Andrew Peabody	3	3	Joseph Simmons	3	3
Allen Perley	3	3	Robert Perkins	3	3
Robert Andrews	3	3	Joseph Peabody	3	3
Joshua Andrews	3	3	Stephen Gould Junr.	3	3
Samuel Brown	3	3	Daniel Cole	3	3
Rufus Burnam	3	3	Dudley Foster	3	3
Thomas Dwinell	3	3	Moses Kimball	3	3
Job Davis	3	3	Ebenezer Peabody	3	3
Stephen Emery	3	3	Ivory Hovey	3	3
Asael Goodridge	3	3	Samuel Cole	3	3
Edmund Herrick	3	3	Eliphlet Cole	3	3
John Keele	3	3	Moses Carlton	3	3
Stephen Perley	3	3	Nathan Kimball jun^r	3	3
Daniel Peabody	3	3	Enoch Kimball	3	3
Joshua Rea	3	3	Stephen Merrill	3	3
Jonathan Wood	3	3	Moses Porter jun^r.	3	3
Moses Wood	3	3	Jeramiah Robbinson	3	3
Eliphelet Wood	3	3	David Lessions	3	3
John Welder	3	3	Elijah Clark	3	3
Seth Burnam	3	3	Jonathan Gillman	3	3
Matth^w Fuller	3	3	Lieu^t. Benjamin Foster	3	3
Jacob Perkins	3	3			

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Fourteen Days at Glouster —

Jacob Andrews	3	Joseph Peabody Jun	3
Asa Peabody	3	Nathaniel Smith Jun	3
James Andrews	3	Jacob Eils	3
Asa Kimball	3	Daniel Chapman	3
Daniel Perley	3	Ephraim Mathews	3
Nathan Andrews Jun	3	John Killam	3

Fourteen Days at Glouster —

David Stiphner	3	Ephraim Peabody	3
Abner Curtis	3	Benjamin Spafford	3
William Cummings	3	Thomas Adams	3
David Foster	3	Thomas Chadwick	3
Darius Adams	3	Jonathan Tyler	3
Edmund Chadwick	3	William Leey	3
Samuel Chadwick	3		

at Roxbury and Winter Hill —

John Curtis	12	Edmun Chadwick	12
Ephraim Kimball	12	Samuel Chadwick	12
David Hale	12	Enos Carlton	12
Aaron Perley	12	Jesse Hovey	12
David Foster	12	Asa Hovey	12
Daniel Kimball	12	Ephraim Peabody	12
Abner Curtis	12	John Tyler	12
Ephraim Mathews	12	Luke Hovey Jun	12
Jonathan Dwenill	12	Thomas Chadwick Jun	12
Abraham Tyler	12	Amos Hovey	12
Joseph Hovey Jun	12	Seth Peabody	12
Parker Spafford	12	Tyler Porter	12
Thomas Adams	12		

Lieut. Benjamin Foster {Any original ne[illegible] / [illegible]}

In the Continatal and Northern army

	£ s D		£ s D
John Stiles	8:17:7	Timothy Stiles	8:17:7
Isaac Perkins	8-17-7	Thomas Killam	8:17-7
David Emory	8-17-7	David Foster	8:17 7
Moses Porter Jun.	8-17-7.	William Cummings	8:17-7
Eliphelit Cole	8 17-7	Ephraim Mathews	8:17:7
Hananiah Worther	8 17 7	~~Daniel~~ Daniel Kimball	8:17:7
Seth Peabody	8 17-7	Thomas Adams	8:17:7
Jonathan Gillman	8 17-7	John Chadwick Jun.	8 17 7
Robert Andrews	5: 05:7	Edmund Chadwick	8 17-7
Eliphelet Wood	6.09 7	Enos Carlton	8:17 7
Alien Perley	5: 17 7	John Pearl	2:04 3
Joshua Rea	6: 09 7	Benjamin Spafford	8 17:7
Seth Burnam	6. 09:7	Parker Tyler	2:04:6

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at Dorchester — £ S D

Stephen Gould	1~4~0	Daleliah Lukeman	1~4~
John Kenrick	1~4~0	Joseph Runnels	1~4~
Samuel Stiles	1~4~0		
Jesse Burbank	1~4~0		

at New York two Months

	£ S D		£ S D
John Curtis	6~10~6	Abraham Tyler	6~10~6
Nathan Low	6~10~6	Samuel Fullon	6~10~6
Solomon Perley	6~10~6	John Tyler	6~10~6
Ezra Wildes	4~2~6	David Wood Junr.	6~10~6
Joshua Andrews	1~2~6	Qur. Benjamin Foster	6 10 6

Agreeable to the directions of the Town of Boxford we the Subscribers have according to the Best of our Knowledge Made out the foregoing pay Roll for those who have Done personal Service for sd Town in the present war —

Boxford Decr. 19 1776 —

Thomas Perley
Jacob Gould
John Willet
Nathl. Perley
Asa Perley
John Chadwick
Committee

In Cambrige Campain

	£ S		£ S
Gedion Kiseby	2~8	David Kimball	4~16
		Levi Goodridge	2~08

For two Months at winter Hill —

Leut	John Dorman	0~6~	Francis Perley	12~0
Ens.	Jedih. Stickney	0~12	William Reed	12~0
	Jacob Smith	0~18	Nathan Low	16~0
	Daniel Chapman	0~12	David Stickney	14~0
	Daniel Russ	0~12	Jeremiah Foster jur	12~0

Continental and Northern Army —

		£ S		
Deacn	Stephen Symonds	3:12	Nathan Andrews	2~8
	Jacob Perley	3:00	Thos. Perley junr.	2~8
	Elijah Dorwill	3:00	John Curtis	3~6
Capt	Jacob Gould	13 6:8	Asa Peabody	13~6~8
	Solomon Gould	13 6:8	John Andrews	13:6:8
	Amos Perley	09 0~0	Nathl. Smith	13~6~8
	Moses Peabody	2:8~0	Aaron Perley	15:0:0
	Amos Perley	13 10:0	Nathan Andrews	13 6 8
	John Batchman	9:00:0	Samuel Kimball	9:0:0
	Francis Perley	2:02:0	Richard Foster	7:40

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Joseph Hale jun.r	7:10:0	Simeon Wiley	3:0:0
Isaac Peeley	3 15:0	John Foster	3 15
Nathan Perley	3 15:0	Moody Perley	3 15
Benjamin Porter 3d	13:6–8	Thos. Chadwick	10:0:0
Jeremiah Perley	3 0:0	Ephraim Foster	13:6 8
John Hovey jun.r	6:13:4	Richard Hovey	7 10:0
Daniel Peabody	7 10:0	Ephraim Peabody	12:13:4

For two Months at New York

Lieut	John Dorman	4 10:0	Benjamin Dowcnill	£ s d 4 10 0
	Elijah Nacrall	9 00:0	Daniel Chapman	5:8:0
	Nathan Wood	6:10:6	Enoch Wood	6 10:6
	Abner Curtis	2:8:0		16:19 0
	Joseph Hovey	8:8:0	Samuel Chadwick	6:0:0

The remainder of the Continental Army

	Stephen Spafford	10:10:0	Moses Tyler	6 13:4
	Jonathan Tyler	12:6:0	Capt. Isaac Adams	3:0:0
	Samuel Carlton	7:10:0	Deacn Thos. Chadwick	3:0:0
	Oliver Foster	7 10:0	Ephraim Chadwick	7 10:0
Deacn	Joseph Hovey	1 10:0	John Chadwick Lut	1 10:0
Lut	Gedion Tyler	3:00:0	Jos. Sessions	8:00:0
	William Porter	6:00:0	Isaac Chadwick	6:00:0

agreeable to the direction of the Town of Boxford we the Subscribers have according to the best of our Knowledge made out a Roll for those who have paid Money to hire men to Perform Tours in ye Present war —

Boxford Decr. ye 28th 1776

Thomas Perley
Asa Perley
Nathll Perley
Jacob Gould
John Chadwick
} Committee

at a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally assembled March 15 1777

1 Chose Capt. Jonathan Foster Moderator of sd Meeting

2 after Some debate the Town was divided to See if the Meeting Should be Adjourned and it past in the Negative —

3 after further debate the Moderator declared the Meeting Disolved —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Friday 15 March 1777 at Legally Assembled

1 Chose Capt Jonathan Foster Moderator of sd Meeting —

2 after Some debate the Town was divided to see if the Meeting should be Adjourned and it past in the Negative —

3 after further Debate the Moderator Declared the Meeting Desolved

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford Tuesday 18 day of March 1777 Legally assembled =

1 Chose John Cushing Esqr Moderator of said Meeting —

2 Chose Majr Asa Perley
Ensn. John Chadwick
+ Lieut. Benja Perley
Mr Samuel Spafford
+ Mr Jacob Andrews
} Select Men and Assessors —

Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk

Chose Mr Nathan Wood Town Treasurer —

+ Chose Mr Joshua Rea
Mr Amos Spafford
} Constabels

3 Voted that the Committee of Correspondence &c should Consist of five —

Chose Capt Isaac Adams
Messrs Daniel Chapman
John Willet
Richard Foster
and Capt John Robbinson
} Committee of Correspondence Safety &c —

4 Voted that the reading the Warden act should be ommitted this Meeting

5 Chose Messrs Moses Peabody
+ David Stickney
Moses Porter
} Wardens

6 Voted that Messrs Nathan Low Daniel Kneeps
+ Nathaniel Smith John Curtis
+ Jeremiah Foster Junr Samuel Carlton
Jonathan Foster Luke Stoney junr
+ John Pearl should be Surveyors of High ways
} Surveyors of High ways

7 Chose Messrs Joseph Mathews
Joseph Hale junr
Amos Kimball
Ensn John Chadwick
} Tythingmen

8 Chose Messrs Nathaniel Peeley
Joseph Hobbs
× Abraham Tyler } Fence Viewers

9 Chose John Cutter Sealer of Leather
10 Nathan Low Sealer of weights and Measures
11 Chose Messrs Thos Gillam
Jacob Hazzen Solomon Gould
× Ephraim Foster Capt Jacob Gould
Benjamin Porter jun^r & Joshua Rea × } Hogreves

12 Voted to Mend the High ways by a Rate this year
13 Voted to Raise 40^ld to Mend the High ways with this year
Voted to allow a Man 3/0 per day in Working out his
High way Rate one yoke of Oxen 1/6 pr day for a Cart 1/4 per day a plow 1/6 pr day
14 Voted that the Swine Shall go at Large this year being well yoaked and Ringed as the Law Direct—

15 Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till Friday the 21 day four oClock after Noon
the Meeting was Adjourned accordingly—
21 day of March The Town Meet according to Adjournment
1 Chose Mr Joseph Hale Clerk protempore

2 Voted to Release Majo^r Asa Peeley from Serving as a Select Man and Assessor—
and Chose Dea^n Stephen Symonds to Serve in his Room
3 Voted to Except of Abraham Tyler to Serve as a Constable in the Room of Amos Spafford
4 Voted to Release En^s John Chadwick from Serving as a Select Man and Assessor.
and Chose Zalediah Lakeman to Serve in His Room—
5 Voted to Release Samuel Spafford from Serving as a Select Man and Assessor
Chose John Cushing to Serve in his Room
6 Voted to allow twenty Pounds to Every Man that Shall Enlist into the
Service of the Continent for three years or during the present war
7 Voted to Chose a Committee of 3 Men to procure the Money to pay the Men
that Shall Enlist for 3 years or during the war—
8 Voted that Mr Nathan Wood Capt William Peeley and Mr Nathaniel
Peeley Shall be of this Committee—
Voted to impower said Committee to hire Money to pay those that Shall
so Enlist—
9 a Vote was tried to see whether Stock should be Rated at a year Old
and it past in the Negative— and a Nother Vote was tried to see whether
Wood Land should be Rated for the future and it past in the Negative—
Voted to allow Nathan Wood 36/0 for Serving treasurer 3 years—
Voted to allow Nathan Wood 24/0 for gathering the Province tax and
Carrying it to Treasurer Gardner
Voted to allow Moses Putnam Six Pound 12/0 for boarding him self 22 weeks
when he kept the Towns School—
Voted to Adjourn the Meeting to Friday the 28 of this Instant March
three oClock after Noon and it was Adjourned accordingly
attest Joseph Hale jun^r Clerk Pro tem—

 The Town Met again according to Adjournment the 28th of March 1777

Voted to Release John Cushing Esqr. from serving the Town as a Select Man and Assessor and Chose Ensn. Gedian Tyler in His Room

Voted to Release Ensn. Gedion Tyler from serving as a Select man And Assessor And Except of John Cushing Esqr. in his Room

× Voted that Lieut. Benjamin Perley shall be added to the Comttee For Hiring Men to serve in the present war for three years or during the present war for the State of Massachusetts —

Voted that said Committee shall be impowered to hire the 7th part of Men the Number now called for in any part of this State in such a way and Manner as they shall think will best serve the Interest of this Town

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the 10th day of Aprill Next at 3 oClock after noon and it was Adjourned accordingly

attest Joseph Hale Jur. Clerk Pro Tem —

Aprill 10th 1777 the Town Met again according to Adjournment

Voted to allow Benjm. Foster 6/0 per week for boarding himself Eight weeks & 3 days when he Kept School

Voted to allow Aaron Wood 6/0 per week 8 weeks and 4 days for boarding Mr. Thacher the School Master —

Voted to allow Amos Perley 5/4 per week for boarding the School Master 8 Weeks & 2 days —

Voted to allow Lieut. Benjamin Perley 5/4 per day for him self and Horse 6 days & half in his Journey to hire men and 6/8 per day for his Expences also 2/4 for Ferriage

attest Joseph Hale Junr. Clerk Pro Tempore —

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at a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford March 18, 1777

Chose John Cushing Moderator of sd. Meeting

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till Friday 21 day of March Instant 3 oClock after noon

the Town Met again according to Adjournment 21 day of March 1777

Chose Joseph Hale Junr. Clerk Pro tem

Voted to Chuse a disinterested Committee to determine whether Commission Officers that have served in the present war shall be awarded any thing for their service and if any thing do award them to say how much they shall have such also to award them who have been at Expence in hiring men for them selves in this war Exclusive of the Hire if they think proper and to allow those that have not been allowed their full proportion as laid down in a Rule by a former Committee of this Town if any such there are

Voted that said Committee should Consist of three men —

Voted to desolve the Meeting and it was desolved accordingly

attest Joseph Hale Junr. Clerk Pro Tem —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders And Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford began and held Aprill 21 1777 —

1 Chose Deacn. ~~Joseph~~ Stephen Symonds Moderator of sd Meeting

2 Chose Joseph Hale Junr. Clerk for said Meeting

3 Voted to Chuse a Committee of three Men to Assist the Commision Officers to Raise Men to go to Road Island —

4 Chose Messrs. Nathaniel Perley Zebulon (?) Lakeman & Lieut Benj Perley for the Committee —

5 Voted that the above Committee be Impowered to procure those Men now Sent for for Rhoad Island upon the Most Reasonable Terms in behalf of the Town. —

Attest Joseph Hale Junr. Clerk Pro Tempore —

In Congress July 4: 1776.

A Declaration by The Representatives of The United States Of America. In General Congress Assembled

When in the course of Human Events it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the political Bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the Powers of the Earth the Seperate and Equal Station to which the laws of Nature and of Natures God entitle them a decent Respect to the openionions of Mankind requires that they Should declare the causes which impel to the Seperation.— We hold these Truths to be Self Evedient that all Men are created Equal that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights that a Mong these are life Liberty and the pursute of Happiness:— That to Secure these Rights Governments are Instituted a Mong men: deriving their Just Powers from the consent of the Governed: that when ever any Form of Government becomes distructive of these Ends it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it and to Institute new Government laying its founda=tion on Such Principles: and organizing its Powers in Such form as to them Shall seem most likely to Effect their Safty and happiness Prudence indeed will dictate that Governments long Establisshed Should not be changed for light and transient causes and accordingly all Experience hath Shewn that Mankind are more disposed to Suffer While Evils are Sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed: but when a long train of abuses and Usurpation pursuing invariably the Same Object evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Dispotism it is their Right it is their duty to throw off Such Government and to provide new Guards for their future Security: Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies and Such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their Former System of Government. The History of the Present King of Great Britain is a History of Repeated Injuries and Usurpations all having in direct Object the Establishment of an Absolute Tyrany over these States: to prove this let Facts be Submitted to a candid World.—

He has refused his Assent to laws: the most wholesome and necessary for the publick Good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of Immediate and pressing Importance unless unless Suspended in their Operation untill his Assent Should be obtained and when so Suspended he has utterly Neglected to attend to them.—

He has refused to pass Other Laws for the Accommodation of Large Districts of people: unless those People would relinquish the Rights of Representation in the Legislature a Right inestimable to them and Formidable to Tyrants only

He called together Legislative Bodies at places unusual uncomfortable And distant from the Depository of their publick Records for the sole purpose of Fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures—

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly for opposing with Manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People.—

He has refused for a long time after such dissolutions to cause Others to be Elected whereby the Legislative Powers incapable of Annihilation: have Returned to the People at large for their Exercise the State remaining in the Mean time Exposed to all the Dangers of invasions from without and convulsions within—

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of those States for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for the Naturalization of Foreigners Refusing to pass Others to encourage their Migrations hither and Raising the Conditions of New appropriations of Lands.—

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for Establishing Judiciary Powers—

He has Made Judges dependent on his will alone for the Tenor of their Offices and the Amount and payment of their Salaries—

He has Erected a Multitude of New Offices and Sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their Substance.—

He has Kept a Mong us in times of peace Standing armies without the consent of our Legislatures.—

He has affected to render the Military independent of and Superiour to the Civil Power—

He has combined with Others to Subject us to a Jurisdiction ~~Forege~~ Foreign to our Constitution and unacknowledged by our Laws giving his Assent to their acts of Pretended Legislation.—

For quartering large Bodies of armed Troops a mong us.—

For protecting them by a Mock trial from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:—

For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world:—

For imposing Taxes on us without our consent:—

For depriving us in many Cases of the Benefit of trial by Jury

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences

For abolishing the Free System of English laws in a Neighbouring Province establishing therein an arbitrary Government and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once and Example and fit Instrument for introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies—

For taking away our Charters abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Government:—

For Suspending our own Legislatures and declaring Themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us:—

He has plundered our Seas ravaged our Coasts burnt our Towns and Destroyed the Lives of our people:

He is at this time transporting large Armies of Foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of Death Desolation and Tyranny already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarsely paralleled in the Most barbarous ages and totaly unworthy the head of a Civilized Nation—

He has constrained our Fellow Citizens taken captive on the High Seas to bear arms against their Country to become the Executioners of their Friends and Bretheren or to fall them selves by their hands

He has Excited Domestic Insurrections amongst us: and has Endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers the Merciles Indian savages whose Known Rule of Warfare is an undistinguished Destruction of all Ages Sexes and conditions.—

In every Stage of these oppressions we have Petitioned for redress in the Most Humble Terms our repeated Petitions have been Answered only by repeated Injury—: a Prince whose Character is thus Marked by every act which may define a Tyrant is unfit to be the Ruler of a Free People nor have we been wanting in attention to our British Brethren: We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable juridition over us: We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here: We have appealed to their Native Justice and Magnanimity: and we have Conjured them by the ties of our Common Kindred to disavow these usurpations which would inevitably Interupt our connexions and Correspondence: They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and Consanguinity: We must therefore acquiesce in the Necessity which denounces our Seperation and hold them as we hold the Rest of Mankind Enemies in war; in Peace Friends

We therefore the Representatives of the United States of America in General Congress Assembled appealing to the Supream Judge of the world for the Rectitude of our Intentions: do: in the Name and by the Authority of the good People of These Colonies Solemnly publish and declare that These United Colonies are and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States:

That they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown and that all Political Connexion between them and the State of Great-Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved and that as free and Independent States they have full Power to levy war conclude peace contract alliances establish commerce and to do all other Acts and things which Independent States may of Right do and for the suport of this Declaration with a Firm Reliance on the protection of Divine providence we Mutually pledge to Each other our Lives our Fortunes and our Sacred Honour. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Signed by Order and in Behalf of the Congress —

John Hancock President —

Attest Charles Thompson Secretary —

In Council July 17th 1776 —

Ordered That the declaration of Independence be printed. and a copy sent to the Ministers of Each Parish of every Denomination within this State: and they severally be required to Read the Same to Their respective Congregations as soon as divine Service is Ended In the after-Noon on the first Lords-day after they shall have Received it: — And and after such publication thereof to deliver the said Declaration to The ~~Town~~ Clerks of the Several Towns or districts who are hereby Required to record the Same in their respective Town or district Books, there to Remain as a perpetual Memorial thereof. —

In the Name and by Order of the Council
R — Derby Jun President —

a true Copy attest John Avery Dep. Secry: —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford began and held in Boxford May 13. 1777 after the Choice of the Representative — Chose John Cushing Moderator of said Meeting ——

2 Voted to abate James Boyntons Rates also Voted to abate Eli Burnams Rates in Constabel Samuel Carltons list of Rates
3 Voted to abate Amos Dorcills Rates and also Enoch Peeleys Rates in Constabel Richard Fosters list of Rates ——
4 it was put to Vote to see if the Town will approve of the Transactions of the Committee Chosen to Hire men for the Continental Service and it past in the affirmative ——
5 Voted to allow Capt Willm Perley's Bill of Charge dated Aprill 1777 For his time and Expenses in Hiring men 48/6
Voted to allow Lt Benja Perleys Bill of Charge dated Aprill 14 1777 For time and Expenses in Boxford & Boston &c in Hiring Men for the army 36/6
6 Voted to allow Lt Benja Perley Bill of Charge Aprill 23 1777 For time and Expenses in Hiring Men for the two Months 7/8
7 Voted to allow Nathl Perley Bill of Charge Decr 9. 1776 For time and Expenses at Sundry times Hiring Men &c — — 29/6

The Return or transactions Mentioned in the 4th article is in the Words Following (viz) We the Subscribers a Committee Chosen by the Town of Boxford to hire Men to go into the Continental Army for three years or during the war have according to the best of our Skill and Judment proceed in the Following Manner (viz) 13 Boxford Men (viz) John Stiles David Emory Joseph Peabody James Andrews Moses Carlton Dudly Kimball Stephen Merrill Seth Peabody David Kimball Jonathan Gilman Neptune a Negro Hannah Barker att 30£ Each 390
Jesse Emory at 20£ — 20
16 Boston Men (viz) John Jackson Seth Webber Moses Porter John McAnally Charles Rider Charles Grand John Tarp Antony Memmuel John Delley Howard Moses Grant William Tayler Edward Blacke Joseph Derby John Gills Thomas Ethridge all at 20 Each. 320 £
2 Scarborough Men (viz) John Craford and Derbin at 20 & 18 — 38
1 Wenham Man (viz) Asa Porter at 20£ 20
1 Byfield Man (viz) Jeremiah Burnam at 20 .. 20
total .. 778

Nathaniel Perley
William Perley } Committee
Benja Perley

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at a Meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford June 2 1777
1 Chose John Cushing Esqr. Moderator of said Meeting—

Voted to Chuse some Sutable Person to procure all the Evidence that may be had respecting any One that is suspected of being unfriendly to the Rights and Liberties of America agreable to the Directions of the General Court

2 Voted Lieut Benjamin Perley to be the person—

3 Voted that the Treasurer shall give Security in behalf of the Town for the Several Sums of Money that the Committee have hired at different Times for procuring Soldiers for the Continental Service:

At a Meeting held at the Meeting House in the First Parish in Boxford June 23d 1777

Voted Major Asa Perley Moderator for Sd. Meeting—

Voted to abate the Widow Anna Perleys Rates in Constable Richard Foslers List of Rates; also Eliphelet Perleys Rates in Constable John Hales List of Rates—

Voted to Chuse a Committee to Rectify some Mistakes which appear to be Made by the former Committee Chosen by the Town to award those that have done Service in the present war - - -

Voted that Mr. Thos. Perley Majr. Perley Mr. Moses Porter Capt Jacob Gould Mr. John Willet Ens. Jno Chadwick and Mr. Nathaniel Perley be a Committee for the above purpose—

Voted that one Third part of the Town Meetings shall be held in the Second Parish in Boxford Exclusive of March and May Annual Meetings During the Towns pleasure - - -

Thos. Lakeman Clerk—

at a legal Town Meeting held in the First Parish Parish in Boxford on Thursday the 14th day of August 1777
1 Voted Majr Asa Perley Serve as a Moderator for Sd Meeting
2. That John Cushing Esqr. Serve as a Temporary Clerk for this Meeting in the Room of Aaron Wood Esqr absent
3 That there be a Committee of Three persons chosen to assist the Militia Officers in this Town in procuring the Sixth part of the men now called for by the General Court at the Expence of the Town also that the Town Treasurer be Directed to hire Such Sums of Money as shall be found Necessary for the Town to use for that purpose
4 That Lt. Benjamin Perley Thos Lakeman and Samuel Carlton be the Comee for the purpose above sd
attest J Cushing Clerk Pro tem—

At a Meeting of the Freeholders And Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford began and held in the First Parish in S.d Boxford Sept.r 8 1777

1 Chose Maj.r Asa Perley Moderator of Said Meeting

2 Voted to Chuse a Committee to Hire three Men to Compleat the Towns Coato of the Continantal Army for Eight Months Three Years or During the Warrs in the Best Manner they Can

3 Chose Capt William Perley, Lieut Benjamin Perley and Palatiah Latheman — Committee

4 Voted that the Treasurer be and he is hereby Directed to provide a Sufficent quantity of Money for the Committee ~~Shall~~ to pay the Men they Shall hire

5 Voted that the Town will hold the Militia Officers in both Parishes Indemnified untill the 23 day of this Instant for Neglecting to Draft the three Men now Called for by the General Court to Compleat their Coato of the Continantal Army

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to the 23 day of this Month at 2 oClock after noon to be held at the Meeting House in the Second Parish in Said Boxford ——

Sep.r 23 The Town Met again According to Adjournment Opened the Meeting: And the Committee Made Report In the Words following (viz) we the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee to hire Men for the Continantal Army according to the best of our Capacity have hired two Men (viz) Caleb Goodwine of Penobscutt inlisted into Capt. David Allens Company in Co.ll Craines Regt. Also Nath.ll Cook of Boston in Capt. Scotts Company in Co.ll Handlys Regt. For the Consideration of the Sum of £67 10 Each

Boxford Sept.r 23: 1777 —— Benjamin Perley, Pela.h Latheman — Committee

2 Voted That the Committee Should proceed And hire a Nother Man as Soon as May be upon the best terms they Can

3 Voted to Hold the Commission Officers in Both Parishes Indemnified in Not Draughting a Man untill there Shall be one procured

Then the Meeting was Desolved ——

At a Meeting of the Freeholders And Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in the Second Parish in Said Boxford Sepr 23 1777

1 Chose John Cushing Esqr Moderator of sd Meeting

2 Voted to raise £1000 toward defraying Town Charges with the present year

3 Voted That the Town And County Rates shall be laid in one List of Rates This year.

4 Voted that the Money Recd for the Powder lent to the State which is now in the Hands of Capt. Isaac Adams shall be paid into the Hands of the Town Treasurer for the Towns use he to be accountable for the Same

5 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would award Those Persons anything thing that were at Expense to hire Men to go into the publick Service in the present war and it past in the Negative —

6 upon a Motion Made the Meeting was Adjourned to Monday the 29th of this Instant 2 oClock after noon in this place —

Sepr 29 The Town Met again According to Adjournment

1 it was put to See if the Town would Chuse a Committee to Consider the Claims of those Men that have been at Expence to Hire men to go into the Army at it past in the Negative —

2 Voted to allow the Officers in the Several Campaigns in the present war the Same as a private in Each Campaign

3 Voted to reconsider the last Vote respecting allowing the Officers in the Several Campaigns in the present war the Same as a Private in Each Campaign

4 Voted to Chuse a Committee to Look Examin the Orders of the General Court for raising Men to serve in the Several past Campaigns and report to the Town whether in any of Said Campaigns an Officer Saved a Man to the Town

5 Voted to reconsider the last Vote respecting Chusing a Committee to Examin the General Courts record &c

6 Voted that the Officers Shall be awarded the Same Sum Each as a private in the present war in Each Campaign as late as the Committee have Considered the privates in any of said Campaigns

7 Voted to Except the report of the Committee respecting rectifying Some Mistakes Made by a former Committee in awarding those who had Done Service in the present war which report is in the words following on the Other Side of this leaf —

(viz) we the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee to Rectify Some Mistakes which appear to be Made by the former Committee Chosen by the Town to a weard those that had done Service in the present war Have Met and Considered the Matter and do Report in the following Manner and form (viz) in the Continental army

	£ /		£ / d
Oliver Foster in Sted of	7 : 10 : 0	Should be but —	3 : 6 : 8
Ephraim Chadwick in Sted of	7 : 10 : 0	Should be but - .	3 6 : 8
Saml Carlton in Sted	7 : 10 : 0	Should be but .	3 6 : 8
Andrew Peabody in Sted	0 : 00 : 0	Should be & is awarded	1 : 7 : 7
Jacob Perley in Sted of ..	3 0 : 0 :	Should be and is	0 : 0 : 0
Saml Kimball in Sted ..	9 : 0 : 0	Should be and is	10 : 4 0
Joseph Wood in Sted of	0 : 0 0	Should be and is	5 : 0 : 0
Joshua Wood in Sted of	0 : 0 : 0	Should be and is —	3 17 : 7
Nathl. Perley in Sted of	0 : 0 : 0	Should be and is	13 10 0
Amos Perley in Sted	13 10 0	Should be and is	0 : 0 : 0
David Sypiom in Sted	6 0 : 0	Should be and is	8 17 : 7
Ivory Hovey in Sted	0 : 0 : 0	Should be and is	8 17 : 7
Joshua Rea in Sted	0 : 0 : 0	Should be and is	2 : 8 0
Saml Kimball in Sted	0 : 0 : 0	Should be and is	4 : 16 : 0
Cambridge Campain			
James Moynton in Sted of	0 : 8 : 0	Should be and is	3 : 3 0
Moses Peabody in Sted of	0 . 0 : 0	Should be and is	1 : 4 0
Andrew Peabody in Sted	3 3 0	Should be but	1 9 : 0
Gideon Bixby in Sted	2 8 0 :	Should be and is	2 15 : 0
Timothy Stiles in Sted	0 : 0 : 0	Should be and is	1 16 : 0
Thos. Dwinell in Sted	3 : 3 0	Should be but	1 07 : 0
Pelatiah Lakeman ..	0 : 0 : 0	Should be and is	0 12 : 0
Luke Hovey Junr. Winter Hill or Roxbury	0 . 12 . 0	Should be and is	2 16 0
Lt. John Dorman in Sted of	0 : 6 0	Should be and is	0 12 4
Joshua Rea in Sted	0 . 0 : 0	Should be and is	0 18 0
William Rea in Sted of	0 12 0	Should be and is	0 00 0

Boxford Septr ye 23 : 1777

Thomas Perley
Asa Perley
Moses Porter
Jacob Gould
Nathl Perley
John Chadwick
Committee

8 Voted that the Treasurer Shall be Directed to give Security in behalf of the Town that the Committee paid to those Men that went to Providence Last Spring

August ye 19 1777

Benjamin Perleys Bill of Charge

	£	s	d
two Days of my Self and Horse to hire men to go to the Northen Army 6/ per day	0	12	0
and for Cash paid at Deacn Chadwicks and Mr Perleys	0	9	
	1	1	0
also Septr ye 13: for my Self three days a going to Boston to Hire Men for the Continental Army at 5/6 per day	0	16	6
and for Expenses 12/0 per day ~~and for my Self and my Horse~~	1	16	
and for my Horse 1/4 per Mile	0	10	0
	3	2	6
also Septr ye 20 for three days of my Self to Boston to Hire Men for the Continental at 5/6 per day	0	16	6
and for my Expenses 12/0 per day	1	16	0
and for my horse at 1/4 pr Mile	0	10	0
	3	2	6

The Town of Boxford to Nathl ~~Perley~~ Dr for time and Expenses in hiring of Soldiers for the Publick Servis

	£	s	d
to half a day to meet ~~Thos~~ Perleys at Capt. Cluffings	0	2	0
to half a Day at Peabodys, 1/6 Expenses 1/6	0	3	0
to half a day at the upper Parish to hire Enos Runels & other	0	3	0
for going to Danvers to hire Men	0	3	4
for half a Day at Peabodys to Inlist Moses Carlton & others 2/ and Expenses 3/4	0	5	4
for going to Capt Whipples to get him to Boxford	0	3	0
to half a Day to Hire Money and pay the Men	0	2	0
for half a day to hire two Months men	0	1	6
Expenses at Peabodys for said Men	0	3	0
for going to Capt. Cluffings to Muster and pay men	0	2	6
for half a Day to hire Ephraim Mathews & Expenses	0	2	6
for two times to Richd Tyler to Return Counterfeit Money	0	3	0
for a Jorney to Boston and Expenses	1	7	0
for half a day pay Boston Men & Expenses	0	3	0
for ~~Expenses~~ a Jorney to Boston & Expenses	1	7	0
	4	13	2

At a Meeting of the Freeholders And Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun And held in Boxford Novr 13 1777

1ly Chose Majr Asa Perley Moderator of Said Meeting

2ly Voted There Should be a Committee to Assist the Militia Officers in Raising the Men now called for by the General Court and to continue in procuring any draught of Men that Shall or May hereafter be Called for: So long as the Town Shall See fit

3ly Voted that Lieut Benja Perley
Pelatiah Lakeman } the Committee
Capt William Perley

4ly Voted That the Treasurer be and he here by is directed to furnish the Committee with as Much Money as they Shall need for that purpose

5ly That the Treasurer be directed to Give Security to the Committee For the Money They payd to Hire Men to go to NewYork Last Winter for three Months

Voted Samuel Stiles for two Months Service at Winter Hill which the Committee did not award 12/0

Voted to allow Benjamin Perley for two days going to Boston to Hire the Last Men for the Continental Army at 5 per day 0lb 10s 0d

For Expenses	00-10-0
	1 04-0
Horse at 3d per Mile	0 00 00
Ferrage	10
	2: 4: 10

Voted to Pelatiah Lakeman for time and Expenses in Hiring Men when one Sixth part of the Militia was called for and also the Remainder of the Continental Army for time Expenses and Horse Hire — 2: 14: 6

Voted to Moses Peabody for what it Cost him to hire a Man to go to Canada (Exclusive of what the Committee allowed him) 1: 19: 6

Then the Meeting was Adjourned Untill Friday the 21 day of this Instant at 2 oClock after noon —

The 21st day the Town Met again According to Adjournment —

1 Voted to reconsider the Vote for allowing Moses Peabodys Bill of £1-19s 6d Exclusive of what the Committee allowed him to Hire a Man to go to Canada

2 Voted to allow William Perleys Bill of Charge of 12/0 for a journey to Boston to pay money &c —

3 Voted to allow Thos Peleys Bill of 6/0 paid the Clerk for a Coppy &c —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford at the Meeting House in the First Parish in Boxford Nov.r 27: 1777

1 Chose Dea.n Stephen Symonds Moderator of Said Meeting —

2 Voted that a Committee be Chosen to get Bills of Estate by taking a Valuation of all the Real & personal Estates in Said Town

Voted to Chose Three Men for the above Committee — also Voted that Lieut Benjamin Perley Zebadiah Lakeman and Jacob Andrews be a Committee for the above purpose

Zeba.h Lakeman Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford at the Meeting House in the Second Parish in said Boxford Feb.r 3 — 1778

The Articles of Confederation and perpetual union between the united States of America being laid before the Town and having been Several times Read and Duly considered

Resolved as the Opinion of this Town that the said Articles appear to be well calculated to Strengthen the union of the Said States Confirm Friendship and Support Independence in the General but as the Same consists of Many Articles therefore Looking upon it that this Town cannot be well judge of the propriety and Justness as they Could do if they were to hear the Same fully Discussed in the House of Assembly — Therefore Instruct the Representative to give his Voice and Vote in the General Assembly touching the premises as he Shall Think for the good of the whole that the Delegates in Congress Assembled may be fully Authorized to Ratify the said Articles of Confederation in order that the Same May be Conclusive and binding —

Voted to abate Nathan Dresser's Rates in Nath.l Perley's List of Rates

Voted to abate Daniels Foster Rates — and

Voted to abate Jacob Gilles Rates in the Same list

Voted to abate Ens.n John Kelham 9/10 in the Same List —

At a Meeting of the Free Holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held at the ^the Meeting House in^ First Parish in said Boxford on Tuesday the 16th day of March 1778 — for the Choice of Town offices ^and other things^

1 + Chose Majo.r Asa Perley Moderator of said Meeting

2 + Chose Majo.r Asa Perley
John Cushing Esq.r
Lt. + Benjamin Perley
Lt. Asa Merrill
Mr. + John Wellit
} Select Men and Assessors

3 + Chose Aaron Wood Town Clerk

4 Chose Mr. Jacob Andrews
Mr. John Hovey Jun.r
} Constables

5 + Chose Nathan Wood Treasurer

6 Voted that the Town Clerk Should be Excused from Reading the Warden Act —

7 Chose Mess.rs Amos Perley
David Kimball
Samuel Kimball
} Wardens

8 Chose Capt. Isaac Adams
Dr. William Hale
Capt. John Robbinson
Capt. Richard Peabody
Lt. Daniel Wood
} a Committee of Correspondence and Safety +

9 + Chose Mr. William Eills
+ Lt. Jedediah Stickney
Mr. Amos Spofford
Mr. Abraham Tyler
} Tything Men

10 + Chose Mess.rs Joseph Hale Jun.r
Capt. William Perley
Lt. Ebenezer Killiam
Nathan Andrews
Samuel Kimball
Samuel Spofford
Daniel Cole
Samuel Wood
Richard Hovey
Moses Kimball
} Surveyors of High Ways —

11 Chose Mr. Benjamin Goodridge
Thos. Gould
Samuel Lee
Dea.n Thomas Chadwick
Dea.n Joseph Hovey
} Hogreaves

12 Chose Mr. Daniel Chapman
+ Dea.n Joseph Symonds
} Fence Viewers

16 Voted to Mend the High ways by a Rate this year — Voted to allow a Man 6/0 per day for Working out his Rate in the High ways a pair of oxen one day 4/0 for a Cart one day 3/0 for a plow 3/0 — Voted to Raise £150 to Mend the High ways with this year
Voted that the Swine Should go at Large this year being well yoaked and Ringed as the Law directs —

All those Marked with this + Mark have been Sworn —

13 Chose Dea.n Stephen Symonds Sealer of Weights & Measures
14 Chose Lt. + Benjamin Perley Sealer of Leather
15 Chose Mr. + John Quelis Deer Reeve —

then upon a Motion Made and Seconded the Meeting was Adjourned to Wednesday the 18th of the present Month 1 o Clock after Noon

March 18 1778 The Town Met again according to Adjournment
Voted to allow to those Soldiers that went to the Northward last Fall for thirty Days in the Same proportion That those had that went in August last for Three Months.

Voted there Should be a Committee for the ensuing year to procure Soldiers that May be wanting or called for from time to time at the Expense of the Town

Voted that Messrs Amos Perley
John Curtis & Capt Jonathan Foster
Shall be the Committee for the above purpose } Committee

Voted that Deacon Stephen Symonds Should be a Committee to Supply the Families of Those Soldiers that are in the Continental Service with the Necessarys of life agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court.

Voted That each District in the Town Shall have the priviledge of disposing of their part of Money paid for School in the Town as they Shall Think will be most profitable for the Instruction of their Children —

Voted to raise 100 £ to be Layd out in Schooling this year —

Voted a Committee of Five ~~to apportion~~ (viz)

Doc^t William Steele
Capt Isaac Adams
Mr Nathan Andrews
Lt Benjamin Perley
Mr Lemuel Wood } Committee — Said Committee particularly to ascertain the Boundaries of each District and to proportion the Money raised for that Purpose on the Several Districts according to their best Skill and Judgment said Committee are to look as far back in the Past apportionment as as they Shall Judge proper and Equitable The Said Committee are also to make return to the Town at their Meeting in May next —

Voted to Excuse Jacob Andrews from Serving Constable this year
~~Chose~~ Joseph Mathews to Serve as Constable this year

Voted to allow Ens^n Gideon Tyler 8/0 per week for boarding the Schoolmaster Four Weeks —

Voted to allow Aaron Wood 20/0 per Week for Boarding Mr Bayley the School Master Eleven Weeks and four days — £ 11 : 11 : 0

Voted to allow Ezra Stiles for Eight Months Service at Cambridge	3 : 3 : 0
Voted to allow Lt Benj^a Perley 6/0 per day 20 days letting Bells of School	6 : 0 : 0
Voted to allow Mr Jacob Andrews 6/0 per day 20 days for Ditto	6 : 0 : 0
Voted to allow Mr Lemuel Wood for boarding himself while keeping School from ye 1^t of Jany to the last day of Feb^r 8 weeks and 3 days at 20/ pr Week	8 : 7 : 7 1/2
Voted to allow John Cushing Esqr for Changing Money	0 : 3 : 0

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants Freeholders and Others of Boxford Assembled at the First Meeting House in Said Town Voted that Major Asa Perley Capt. Richard Peabody and John Cushing Esqr. Should be a Committee to treat with Capt Mason of Salem relative to a Road lying thro his land in Boxford —

at a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford began and held at the Meeting House in ~~Sd Town~~ First Parish in Said Boxford on tuesday the 31 Day of March 1778 —

1 Chose John Cushing Esqr. Moderator of Said Meeting

2 Voted to Excuse Joseph Mathews from Serving as Constable this year —

3 Chose Jacob Andrews Constable who appeared and paid his Fine —

4 Chose Jeremiah Foster Junr. Constable who appeared and Paid his Fine

5 Chose Moses Peabody Constable who appeared and paid his Fine

6 Chose Samuel Kimball Constable who appeared and Paid his Fine

7 Chose Solomon Gould Constable who appeared and Paid his Fine

8 Chose Joseph Mathews Constable for the present year

upon a Motion Made and Seconded the Meeting was Adjourned to tuesday the 14 day of Aprill next two a Clock in the after Noon Aprill 14 1778 The Town Met again according to Adjournment and

Voted to Dismiss Joseph Mathews from Serving Constable for the present year

2 Voted that Danl. Symonds Should Serve Constable for the 1 District in Boxford for the present year

3 Voted that the Officers who went with the 30 days men last Fall shall be Paid the Same Sum that the Soldiers was allowed at that time

4 Voted to abate Jacob Gilles Rate in Constable Richard Fosters List

5 Voted to allow 18/0 per Week for Soln Gould for boarding the School Master

6 Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the annual Meeting in may to 3 a Clock P m John Cushing Moderator

May 21 1778 then the Town Met according to Adjournment and further Adjourned the Said Meeting to the First day of June 3 o Clock after Noon

then Met again According to Adjournment

Voted to allow the Officers who went with the Militia for three Months the Same Sum allowed to the Soldiers ~~was allowed~~ at that time. the Town being under consideration Sent for their approbation or Disapprobation there being 41 Voters present all Voted ~~against~~ their Disapprobation thereof —

— At a Town Meeting Held in the First Parish in Boxford on Monday 27th of Aprill 1778 —

1 Voted that Majr Asa Perley serve as Moderator for sd Meeting

2 That John Cushing Esqr serve as Clerk for sd Meeting

—3 that there be One or More Delegates chosen to attend the Convention at Ipswich on Wednesday next

—4 That there be two Delegates chosen for the purpose abovementioned

—5 That sd Deglegates shall be chosen by Drosses

—6 That Majr Asa Perley serve as one of sd Delegates who declined to serve

—7 That John Cushing Esqr serve as a Degelate for ~~for~~ the purpose afores'd

—8 That Lieut Benjamin Perley serve as the Other Delegate

—9 that sd Deglegates be directed to use their Influence at the sd Convention to suspend the adoption of any new form of Government whatsoever for this State to some future day

10 That the Money paid by Moses Peabody and Samuel Kimball as fines for not serving as Constables for the year 1778 shall be ~~paid~~ repaid to the said Moses and Samuel

11 That the Treasurer be directed to hire Money and pay the Soldiers who went for this Town to Winter Hill last Winter to guard the Prisoners who were then stationed there

12 that Dean Symonds shall be released from serving as a Committe to supply the Famelies of the Soldiers who are now in the Continental army for this Town with the Necessarys of Life agreeable to the Direction of the General Court

13 That Mr Richard ~~Peabody~~ Foster be chosen to serve as a Committe in the Room of Dean Symonds Released — True Minutes attest

John Cushing } Town Clerk Pro Tempore

At a Meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabitants begun and held in the Second Parish in Boxford May 11 1778

1 Chose Major Asa Perley Moderator of said Meeting

2 Voted to add two to the Committee to Hire Soldiers this Year
Voted that Lieut Benjamin Perley Mr Lemuel Wood should be added

3 Voted to add two More
Voted that Mr Peletiah Lukeman and Capt Isaac Adams should be aded —

4 Voted that the Town Treasurer should hire Money to pay the Soldiers from time to time that may be Hired by the above Committee

at a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in the First Parish in Boxford May 21 1778

1 Chose Majr Asa Perley Moderator —

2 Voted to Adjourn the Meeting for half an Hour

the Town Meet again

Chose Abraham Tyler Constable for the North District

it was put to Vote to See if the Town would pay the Constables a reasonable Consideration for gathering the Province County and Town Taxes for the Year 1777 and so on for the future and upon a Division of the House there was 15 for paying the Constables and 26 against it

then upon a Motion Made and Seconded the Meeting was adjourned to the 29th day of the present Month 3 Clock after noon

The Town Met again according to Adjournment

1 Voted to Dismiss Abraham Tyler from Serving Constable for the present year

2 Chose Ephraim Foster Constable for the North District for the present year

3 Voted to abate Abel Gages Rates in Constable Jonth Fosters List of Rates

4 Voted to abate Eliphalet Perleys Henry Perly and Nathan Perler each of them 12/9 of their Rates in Constable Joshua Rea's list of Rates

5 Voted to abate Thos. Downills Rates in Constable Joshua Reas List of Rates

6 Voted to Except of a Report of a Committee chosen by the Town to apportion the School in Said Town

7 Voted to allow Lieut. Benjn. Perley Bill of Charge for Hiring Soldiers — 4 15 4

8 Voted to allow Lemuel Woods Bill of Charge for Hiring Soldiers for the army 6 14 6

9 Voted to allow Doctr Stephen Symonds Bill of Charge for Supplying the Families of the Soldiers in the army with Necessary 6 7 0

10 Voted to allow Capt Isaac Adams 10/0 for the use of a Horse to Derry

attest Jonth Foster

The Report of a Committee to District the School Money and to Report How Much Money Should belong to Each District founded on a Meeting held in the First Parish in Boxford March 10th 1778 in the Words Following (viz)

	£	S	D
The First District are to Receive —	21	17	5
The second District are to Receive —	16	14	4
The Third District are to Receive —	17	11	6
The Fourth District are to Receive —	21	5	1
The Fifth District are to Receive —	22	11	9

The boundaries of the above Districts may appear by a List of the Persons Names living in each District also the Sum of £ 12 to be raised for the use of the Third District in consideration of twelve Days of Loss Time also that Each District Shall be Obliged to apply the Sum assigned to them District for the above purpose within the Year and any District Failing of Disposing of Their Money that any Shall forfeit Their part to the Other District for the above use

Boxford Aprill ye 14th 1778

Wm Hale
Isaac Dennis
Nathan Andrew
Benjamin Perley
Saml Wood
} Committee for the Town of Boxford

N—B the above Report was Excepted upon a Meeting upon Adjournment May 29 1778

— at a Town Meeting (of the first Parish) held in Boxford on Monday the 27th day of Aprill 1778 — 1 Voted that Majr Asa Perley serve as Moderator for said Meeting —

2 That John Cushing Esqr serve as Clerk for sd Meeting

— 3 That there be One or More ~~Days~~ Delegates chosen to attend the Convention at Ipswich on ye 27th of this Instant Aprill

— 4 That there be two Men chosen for the above Mentioned Purpose

— 5 That the said Delegates be chosen by Voice

— 6 That Majr Asa Perley serve as one of the Delegates who declined

— 7 That John Cushing Esqr serve as a Deligat for the purpose above sd

8 Benjamin Perley serve as the Other Delegate to attend the said Convention

— 9 that the said Delegates be directed to use their Influence at the sd Convention to suspend acting upon the present form of ~~Constitution~~ Government to some future day — Continued to the next Leaf —

10 That the Money paid by Moses Peabody and Samuel Kimball as fines for not Serving as Constables for the year 1778 Shall be Repaid to the Said Moses and Samuel —

11 That the Treasurer be directed to hire Money and pay those Soldiers who went to Winter Hill last Winter to guard the Prisoners who were then Stationed there —

12 That Deacn. Symond Shall be released for Serving as a Committee to Supply the Families of those Soldiers who are in the Continental army for this Town

13 That Mr. Richard Foster Shall Serve in the Room of Deacn. Symond Released —

John Cushing { Clerk pro Tempore —

at a Town Meeting begun and held in the First Parish in Boxford the 29th of June 1778

Chose Majr. Asa Perley Moderator of Said Meeting —

2 Voted to Except of Abraham Tyler to Serve as Constabel in the Room of Ephraim Foster the present year

3 Voted that the Treasurer be directed to hire Money and pay the Soldiers who are now doing duty as Guards at Winter Hill when their Time Shall be out —

4 Voted to Chose two Men to appear in behalf of the Town before a Committee of the General Court to hear and Determine any disputes between Towns in Different County — Then Made Choise of

Lt. Benjn. Perley { a Committee for
and Lt. Thos. Perley { That purpose

5 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would abate Samuel Symonds Elijah Foster Joseph Simmons and Jacob Giles Rates in Constabel John Kimball List and it past in the Negative

At a Town Meeting begun and Held in the First Parish in Boxford Septr 21 1778

1st Chose Maj^r Asa Perley Moderator of s^d Meeting

2 Voted to raise one Thousand Pounds the present Year towards paying their Debt already Incurred

3 Voted that the Town and County Rates and the Money That was Voted to defray the Charge of Schooling for the Present year should be laid in the Same list—

4 Voted that the Money left on hand from the Donation from the Town last Aprill to the Continantal Soldiers should be put into the Hands of the Treasurer he to be accountable for the same

5 Voted to abate Samuel Symonds Rates in John Herrick's List of Rates being 7/4 in the Year 1774

Voted to allow Joseph Hoveys Bill of Charge for Boarding the School Master 4 weeks at 8/0 per week 32/0

Voted to allow Benjamin Perleys bill of Charge for hiring Soldiers time Horse Hire and Expences — 6:13:0

Voted to allow Lem^ct Woods Bill of Charge for hiring Soldiers time Horse Hire and Expenses — 5-0:6

Voted to allow Peter^r Lakeman taking Bills of Estate 20 Days at 6/0 per day — 6:0:0

Voted to allow John Willets Bill for supplying the Familys of those gone in the Army — 36:9:3

Voted to allow John Cushing for his attendance at Ipswich on the County Convention — 1 19-0

At a Town Meeting begun and held in the Second Parish in
Boxford Monday 1st day of Feb.y A.D. 1779 —
1 Chose John Cushing Esq.r Moderator of Said Meeting —
2 Voted that there Should be a Committee to Recon with Mr. Nathan
Wood Treasurer Relative to the Money he has been Authorised to
Hire for the purpose of procuring Soldiers that have been Called for
from time to time Since the year 1776 —
3 Voted that the Select Men Should be the Committee
and that the Transactions of Said Committee be Recorded in
The Assessors Book
4 Voted to allow Capt. Isaac Adams Bill of Charge (or) Expenses
at Dea.n Chadwicks Asa Peabodys and Maj.r Perleys in Hiring Soldiers 4: 13: 0
5 allowed to Benjamin Perley for his Services in notifying
the Soldiers going Capt. Perley — — — — — — — 1: 2: 0
6 allowed to John Willet for Supplying the Families
of David And Jesse Emery Soldiers the Sum of — £ 5 – 4: 0
7 allowed Mr. Lem.l Wood for one day Spent giving orders 16 – 0

At a Town Legally Assembled in the First Parish in
Boxford March 9 A D 1779 —

1 Chose Majr. Asa Perley to Moderate said Meeting

2 Chose Major Asa Perley
Capt. Isaac Adams
+Lt. Benjamin Perley
Mr. Samuel Carlton
+Lt. John Dorman
} Select-Men and Assessors —

3+ Chose Aaron Wood Esqr. Clerk

4 + Chose Mr. William Pills
Lt. Samuel Runnels
} Constables

+ Mr. Nathan Wood Treasurer

5 Voted that the Town Clerk should not read the Warden act

6+ Chose Messr Joseph Hale
Moses Porter
} Wardens

7 + Chose Lt Jedediah Stickney
Messr. David Stickney
+ Abraham Tyler
+ Amos Spofford
} Tythingmen

8 + Chose Messr Asa Smith
+ Francis Perley
+ Jedidiah Stickney
+ Solomon Gould
+ Joshua Rea
+ John Killum
Moses Kimball
+ David Wood
Dean. Thos. Chadwick +
+ Samuel Spofford
+ Samuel Kimball
Lt Asa Merrill
} Surveyors of High ways

9 + Chose John Cutler
Samuel Rea
Richard Hovey
Moses Kimball
} Hogreves

Note Those Names Marked With this Mark + have been sworn

×10 Daniel Nurse
+ Francis Perley
+ Nathan Andrews
} Fence Viewers

+ Nathan Wood Sealer of Weights & Measures

+ Benjan Perley Sealer of Leather

James Cutler Deerreeve

John Cushing Esqr.
Capt Richard Peabody
Capt John Robbinson
Capt Jacob Gould
Capt. Jonathan Foster
} Committee of Safty and Correspondence

Then upon a Motion
Made and Seconded
The Meeting was Adjourned to
Monday ye 29 of March Instant
One oClock after Noon

March 29 1777

The Town Met again according to Adjournment

upon a Motion Made Voted to Excuse Majo^r Asa Perley from Serving as a Select Man and an Assessor.

Voted to Chuse Capt. William Perley in his Room

upon a Motion Made Voted to Excuse Samuel Coulton from Serving as a Select Man and Assessor —

Voted to Chuse M^r. Samuel Wood in Room

Voted to Excuse Lt. Samuel Kennedy Serving as Constable and Chose Ens^n. Daniel Ness Constable in his Room

Voted to Mend the Road and High ways by a Rate the present Year

Voted to raise one Hundred Pounds to Mend the Road and High ways with the present Year —

Voted to alow a Man 1 5/0 per day in working out his Rates on the High ways and Road this Year for a pair of Oxen one day 10/0 for a Cart 8/0 for a plow 10/0 per day —

Voted Those persons That Shall Neglect or Refuse to Work out their Rates for what they Shall be Taxed towards Mending the High ways and Road this year Shall have that tax anexed to the Next Town Rate

Voted that the Swine in this Town Shall go at Large the present Year being well Yoaked and Ringed, as the Law directs

Then upon a Motion a Motion Made and Seconed the Meeting was further Adjourned to the 6th day of Aprill Next at 2 oClock after Noon —

The Town Met again According to Adjournment Aprill 6: — after opening the Meeting

Chose William Reed, Clerk Pro-Tem

it was put to Vote to See if The Town would Reconsider a Vote past in the last Meeting for Raising the Sum of one Hundred Pound for Mending the High ways past in the afirmitive

Voted to Raise Two Hundred and fifty Pound to Mend High ways for the Present Year

it was put to Vote to See if Town Would Raise a Sutable Sum of Money for the Suport of the School for the present Year and to Divid the Same into Districts as it was the last Year past in the afirmative —

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 The Meeting brought over

Voted to raise four Hundred Pounds for the Support of the School for the present Year —

Voted to Chuse a Committee to Hire any Number of Men that Should be wanted Called for Publick Service for the Present year and if they Cannot agree upon what they Shall think a reasonable Price then leave it with the Militia Officers to Draft them as he shall think proper

Voted that the Committee Consist of five Chose Majo.r Asa Perley Capt. Isaac Adams Lt Benjamin Perley Mr Nath.l Perley Mr. Abraham Tyler

Voted to Chuse a Committee to go and View the Road Leading from Bradford Line to Mr. Amos Peabodys then to the Road leading from Deac.n Joseph Honeys to the Wid.w Kimbl and to Search all Record Respecting said Road and make return

Voted that there be a Committee - Chose Mr. Nathan Andrews Capt John Robbenson and Mr Lemuel Wood

Voted to allow Mr Abraham Tyler a reasonable Sum of Money for his Extraordinary Service in Collecting the Taxes of those Persons Living out of Town for the two last years and for Collecting of the whole of the Continental Tax for the last year

Voted to allow Mr Solomon Gould two Shillings per Week for Boarding the School-Master in 1778 in addition to what was allowed him before

Voted to allow Mr John Willet fifty one Pounds fifteen Shillings for what he found the Wives of David and Jesse Emory

Voted to abate Edmund Herricks Rates in Collector Joshua Rea's List of Rates — Voted to Adjourn the Meeting accordingly it was Adjourned to 2 oClock in the after Noon

April 12 — the above Meeting Opened according to Adjournment

Chose Capt. Isaac Adams Moderator Pro-Tem —

Voted to Dismiss Mr Daniel Ness from Serving as Constable for the Present Year

Chose Mr William Porter Constable for the North District for the Present Year —

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Voted to Direct the Treasurer to Hire Money to pay any Number of Men that shall be Hired for Publick Service for the present year
Voted to allow Mr. Abraham Tyler four pence per pound for his Extraordinary Service in Collecting the Taxes of those persons Living out of Town for the two Last years and for the whole of the Continental for the Last year
Voted to abate Mr. Nathan Dresser Rates in ~~Constable~~ Collector Joshua Rea Lest of Rates —
Voted to abate Robert Perkings Rates in Collector Joshua Rea Lest of Rates —

at a Legal Town Meeting Held in the First Parish In Boxford on Tuesday the sixth Day of Aprill 1779 —
Chose Capt Isaac Adams Moderator
Chose William Hale Clerk Pro Tem —
Voted to Adjourn the Meeting — accordingly it was Adjourned to Thursday ye 15th of of this Instent at 4 oClock ~~af~~

Aprill 15 according to Adjournment this Meeting was Opened
it was put to Vote to see if the Town would Chuse a Committee to Inspect the Market put in the afsemtime —
Chose Mr. Abraham Tyler Mr. Nathl. Perley and Willm Hale
Voted to allow Lt ~~John~~ Dorman the same that they allowed others in a Campain to Winter Hill in 1778 for the Term of three Months and twelve Days —

At a Legal Town Meeting begun and held in the First Parish in Boxford May 18 1779 —

1 Chose John Cushing Moderator

— 2 it was put to Vote to see whether they will Chuse at this time to have a New Constitution or form of Government Made and it past in the Negative —

— Voted that Aaron Wood Esq.r who is Chosen Representative be directed not to Vote for the calling a State Convention for the Sole purpose of forming a new Constitution provided it should appear on Examination that a Major part of the people present and Voteing at the Meetings for the aforesaid purpose Voted that there shall be a Constitutn Formed Now —

Voted that the Treasurer shall Rise Money and pay Ens.n Gideon Tyler the Money he paid ^soldiers when he was a Committee Man for hireing Soldiers —

it was put to Vote to see if the Town would abate Job Tylers and Dusher Tylers Rates in William Porters list of Rates and it past in the Negative —

Voted to abate Nathan Dresers Rates in Dea.n Symonds list of Rates —

we who was Chosen a Committee to View the Road Petitioned for by Samuel Kimball and others leading from Bradford line to Amasa Peabodys then to the Road leading to Dea.n Joseph Hoveys by the Widow Runels! have Viewed s.d Road and give it as our oppinion that it is Necessary that they should have a Road

Boxford May 19: 1779

Nathan Andrews
John Robinson } Committee
Lem.l Wood

At a legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the Second Parish in Boxford June 24 1779 —

Voted that Capt. Israel Adams be a Moderator for sd Meeting

Voted that Delatiah Lakeman Serve as a Clerk for sd Meeting

Voted that the Town will hold the Several Military Officers of sd Town Indemnified from paying any Fines for not Draughting any Number of Men that have been or may be called for by the General Court for the present Year

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Bills allowed to Capt Israel Adams for Hiring Sodiers —	1-18-0
to Nathel Peeley for going to Kingston for Ditto —	12 18-0
to Major Asa Perley for Hiring Sodiers ——	4-00-0
to Lt Benjamin Perley going to Kingston for Ditto .	5 10-0

At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legaly Warned and Met at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford

1 Chose Capt. Israel Adams Moderator of said Meeting

—2 Voted to send one Man to Convention to be held in Concord on the 14th day of July Instant in Complyence with a letter from the Committee of the Town of Boston and Chose Capt. John Robberson for that purpose —

—3 Voted that Mr. Thos. Perley Should Represent the Town in a Convention to be Holden at Cambridge on the first day of Sept next for the sole purpose of Forming a Constitution agreeable to a late Resolve of the General Court and Instructed him to use his Influence that a printed Copy of the Form of Constitution that may be agreed upon at Cambridge be printed and Sent to Each Town in this State for their Approbation or Disapprobation agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court in June 15 1779 —

At a Meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford begun and held in the First Parish In said Boxford August 16 1779 —

1 Chose John Cushing Esq.r Moderator of S.d Meeting

2 it was put to Vote to See if the Town would Except and carry into execution the Several Resolves of the Convention held at Concord agreeable to a letter Rec.d from S.d Convention and it past in the affirmative 25 against 6 —

3 Voted that Capt. John Robbenson Should Represent this Town in Convention to be held in Concord the First Wednesday in Octo.r Next agreeable to a Resolve of the Late Convention held there

4 Voted to Raise £4000 to defray the Charges of the Town the Present year —

5 Voted that the Assessors Should Assess County and Town Rates Should be Assessed in one list of Rates

Voted that M.r Thos Perley Should Meet in Convention to be held in Cambridge the first day of Sep.r for the sole purpose of Forming a Constitution

Voted to allow Capt Isaac Adams for his Expences In Hiring Soldiers —— £ 3 - ~~15~~ - 0

Voted to allow Capt John Robbenson for his time and Expences attending the Convention at Concord —— 12 : 00 - 0

Voted Nathan Andrews for Viewing a Road in the upper Parish 1 - 00 0

Voted to allow Benj.n Perley for his time and Expences in Hiring Soldiers from June 26 1779 to this time 7 : 01 0

At a Meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhab.ts of the Town of Boxford begun and in Boxford August 16 : 1779

1 Chose John Cushing Esq.r Moderator of S.d Meeting —

2 Chose M.r Nath.l Perley to represent the Town in Convention at Ipswich agreeable to agreeable to a Letter Rec.d from the Select Men there —

3 Voted that Capt Isaac Adams Maj.r Asa Perley Capt William Perley Lt Benjamin Perley M.r John Willet Thos Perley Jr & Samuel Wood to Regulate the Price of Innholders Labour Teaming Manufactures and Other articles in this Town agreeable to the 4th Resolve of the Convention held at Concord and they to Make report to the Town for their Exceptance —

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to Monday the 30th day of this Month 2 oClock after noon

Aug-t 30th day 1777 the Town Met again according to Adjournment
the Committee Reported in the Words following (viz)

a list of Prices agreed upon by the Committee appointed by the Town of Boxford in Consequence of a Recommendation of a Convention held at Concord on the 14th of July last — Beef of the Best quallity 6/0 a Pound till the 1st of Sept. and after that 5/0 Butter 12/0 a Pound Cheese 6/0 per Pound Indian Corn £4 10s 0 per Bushel Veel 4/0 per Pound West India Rum £6:6s by the Galloon New England £4:16 by the Galloon The Prices were fixed to the above Articles as they are Now Stated by the Convention held at Concord on the 14th of July last: — Breakfast at Taverns 15/0 Dinners at Taverns of Boyled and Roast 18/0 and Other Victuling in the Same proportion Phlip or Toddy Made of West India Rum 16/0 a Mugg Oats at Tavern 3/0 a quart Lodging at Taverns 4/0 a Night Horse Keeping at Taverns at Grass 9/0 a Night Ox keeping at Grass 12/0 a Night a Pair - Barrels Made of Sap Staves £3-6 per Barrel Bark Good Oak Bark delivered at the Tanners: £12:6 a Cord — Hides Raw Hides 3/8 per Pound - Tanned Hide Sole Leather at 22/0 a Pound and all Other Tanned Leather in the Same proportion Blacksmith Work: Horse Shewing plain Shodd all Round £4: and Work of all other kinds in the Same proportion — Toe Cloth Good Yard wide Toe Cloth 21/4 a Yard and Other Toe Cloth in Proportion to its wedth and quallity and linnin to be Computed after the Same Rate — Woollin Cloth fulled Coullered and Made of the best Wooll and 3 quarters wide £5 a Yard Other Woollen Cloth in the Same proportion — Charcoal delivered at the Door of the byer 6/0 per Bushel Flax good and Well drefsed 12/0 a pound Hay English Hay 80/0 a Ht. 10t. and So in proportion for hay of a Meaner quallity — Horse Hire a Saddle Horse 2/6 a Mile — House-Carpenter 58/0 a Day - Farming labour 32/0 per day. Oats 25/0 per Bushel Staves white Oake barrill Staves £55 a Thousand — Tallow-tried Tallow 12/0 a Pound — Shoes - Mens best Shoes £6 a pair and for all Other Shoes in proportion — to the Size and quallity — Taylors Work 40/0 a day — Wood good Oak Wood delivered at the Door of the buyer £9 a Cord — Sheeps Wooll of the best quallity 29/0 a Pound — continued Over leaf —

Teaming work at 10/0 a Mile for every Tun weight and all other teaming work in the same proportion —

Weaving common shirting at 4/0 a yard and all other weaving in the same proportion — Syder — Good Syder £5–10. Exclusive of the Barrill — all the above Prices excepting those that were set by the Concord Convention) are set according to the Rule Recommended by the County Convention held at Ipswich the 20th Instant all which is humbley submitted to the Town for for their approbation   Isaac Adams { Chairman

Boxford Augt 23d 1779

the Question being put upon the foregoing Report & Voted in favour of its being excepted the Moderator declared it to be a Vote — And then the Meeting was Desolved

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders And other Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford legally Assembled at the Meeting House in the first Parish in sd Boxford on Monday the 27 of Sept 1779

1 Chose Capt. William Perley Moderator of said Meeting

2 Voted to alter the Teaming tow Cloath and Oats to the same Price to what those Articles are Set at in the Neighbouring Towns (Viz) Teaming @ 12/0 per Mile Tow Cloath @ 24/0 per yard and Oats @ 48/0 per Bushel

3 Voted to allow to Constable William Lilly 36/0 that he lost by the date of a Bill being ~~lost~~ altered —

Boston Sepr 16 1779

Recd of Stephen Symonds Constable for the Town of Boxford For the year 1778 two Hundred Sixty two Pounds Eleven Shillings and three Pence in full of an Execution in favour of the Honble Henry Gardner Esqr State Treasurer

Michael Farley Sherff —

At a Town Meeting held in the second Parish in Boxford on Monday ye 10th Day of Jan^ry 1780, Cap^tn Isaac Adams Moderator for said Meeting the following Votes were pass'd.

Voted that Lemuel Wood serve as Clerk for the present Meeting.

Voted to allow the Constables 3^d upon the Pound for collecting all the Taxes the present year.

Voted to allow Lt Benjamin Perley's bill of £3:18/ for time spent in hireing Soldiers,

Voted to allow Mr Nathaniel Perley's Bill of Charge of £40. for his time and expences in hireing Soldiers and for going to the Convention at Ipswich.

Voted to allow Capt. Isaac Adams 36/- for expences in hireing Soldiers

Attest Isaac Adams Moderator

At a legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the firsts Parish in Boxford on Tuesday ye 14th of March 1780. for the choice of Town Officers, and other things —

1st Majr Asa Perley chosen Moderator

2dly × Thomas Perley Junr chosen Clerk

3dly Chose Mr Nathan Andrews, Mr Lemuel Wood, Mr John Curtice, Capt Isaac Adams, Mr Asa Peabody — Select Men and Assessors

4thly Chose Mr Joseph Matthews, Liut Samuel Runnels Junr — Constables

5thly Chose Capt William Perley Town Treasurer

6thly Voted the Clerk shoud omit reading the Warden Act

7thly Chose Mr Moses Peabody, Ensn John Chadwick — Wardens

8thly Chose Mr William Ellis, Liut Benjamin Perley, Mr Abraham Tyler, Liut Asa Merril — Tything Men

9thly Chose Mr Daniel Chapman, Mr Nathan Low, Fence Veiwers

10thly Chose Messrs Timothy Stiles, Richard Foster, Dr William Hale, Daniel Chapman, Joseph Hale, Moses Wood, Benjamin Goodridge, Samuel Spafford, Moses Kimball, Daniel Cole, John Hovey, William Porter — Surveyors of highways

11thly Chose Messrs John Stiles, Elijah Dwinnel, David Stickney, Ephraim Foster, John Pearl — Hogreives

12thly Chose Mr Nathan Wood Sealer of Weights and measures

13 Chose Liut Benjamin Perley Sealer of Leather

14 Chose Ensn Gideon Tyler Deerreive

15 Chose John Cushing Esqr, Mr Stephen Youd, Capt John Robinson, Mr David Kimball, Ensn Daniel Nurse — Committe of Safety and Correspondance

16 The 7th Article in the Warrant being put to Vote it passed in the Negative —

Then the Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the 28th Day of March Instant at one O Clock afternoon — —

Tuesday March 28th the Town met according to Adjournment

1st Voted to dismiss Moses Wood from Serving as a Surveyor Chose Jonathan Wood Junr in his Room

NB Such as have this × Mark affixed to their names have ben Sworn

Voted

2d Voted to excuse Capt. Isaac Adams from serving as Select Man and Assessor the ensuing Year.
Chose Mr. Broadstreet Tyler in his Room
3d Voted to excuse Moses Kimball from serveing Surveyor
Chose John Tyler to serve in his Room
4th Voted to mend and repair the Highways and Town Road by a Rate the Year ensuing
5th Voted to raise three thousand Six hundred Pound for the above Purpose
6 Voted to allow £4:10/ a day for a Man in working out his Rates on the Highways, to allow £3 a day for a pair of Oxen, 45/ a day for a Plough and 15/ a Day for a Cart.
7 Voted that the Swine go at large the present Year being well yoaked and Ringed
8 Voted to choose a Committee to open a Road from Samuel Kimballs to the Widow Peabody's and to lay out and open a Road one and a half Rod wide from the said Peabody's where it is now trod to the Road near the Widow Runnels's or to the Road near William Porters Barn and know of the Proprietors what terms they will let their Land go for, and lay the same before the Town for their acceptance
9 Voted that Capt. Jonathan Foster, Capt. Richard Peabody and Capt. William Perley be a Committee for the above Purpose

10 It was put to Vote to see if the Town will allow the Constables a reasonable sum for collecting Taxes the ensuing Year and it passed in the affirmative
11 Voted to allow the Constables three pence upon the Pound for all sums of Money they shall collect the Year ensuing
12 Voted to excuse Mr. Joseph Matthews from serveing Constable, and accepted Mr. William Ellls to serve in his Room
13 Voted to abate David Emories Rates, Timothy Palmer Junr. Rates and David Hales Rates in Constable Stephen Symonds List of Rates
14 It was put to Vote to see if the Constables shall warn Town Meetings by posting for the future and it passed in the Negative
15 Voted to allow Mr. John Willets Bill of £35:4/ for Sundrey supplys the Family of David Emory in the Months of June July and August 1778
16 Voted to allow Capt. John Robinsons Bill for attendance at the Convention at Concord, Time and Expences £21.
17 Voted to excuse Capt. William Perley from serveing Town Treasurer
Chose Mr. Nathan Wood in his Room

Then the Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday ye 16 Day of May next at two O Clock afternoon

Tuesday

Tuesday 16 of May the Town met according to Adjournment when the Committee Reported as in the folloing Words

The Committee chosen to veiw the Road or Ground from the Widow Peabody's to the Widow Runnels's, or to the Road by William Porters Barn, Beg leave to inform the Town that We have measured and veiwed the Ground each of the above ways, and find the Way by the Widow Runnels only fifty eight Rod further than the way by Wm Porters Barn; as to acertain which of the above ways will be the cheapest We are unable to enform the Town; as Mr. Porter is unable to enform us what the fenceing acrost his Land will cost We present the Town a Plan of each of the same Roads for their information

Boxford 12 of May 1780.

Jonathan Foster

Voted to accept of the Road as Planed by the Committee from the Widow Peabody's to William Porters Barn upon Condition that Samuel Kimball Amasa Peabody and Ephraim Peabody will give their Land and Fenceing as far as the said Road goes on their Land and Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody will give the one half of the Road as far as it goes on his Land and the whole of the Fenceing

Then the Meeting was adjourned to the 30 Day of May Instant four O Clock P. M.

May 30th the Town Met according to adjournment

Voted to accept Nathaniel Perley to serve as Constable in the Room of William Ellis

Voted to allow Mr. Lemuel Wood £12 for planing the Road from the Widow Peabody's to William Porters Barn

Then the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 5th Day of June next four O Clock P. M.

Monday June 5: 1780 the Meeting came on according to adjournment
Voted to accept William Porter to serve as Constable in the Room of Lieut. Samuel Runnels Junr. Voted

Voted to allow Capt. Jonathan Foster Bill of Charge of £8 it being for expences of the Committee chosen to concider of the Constitution
Voted to adjourn the Meeting into the September Meeting
Monday Sept. 4th 1780 the Town being met the meeting was opened, and then adjourned to the next Town Meeting that shall be holden in this Town

Thursday Octr. 12th 1780 the Meeting came on according to Adjournment
Voted to appoint a Committee to agree both on account of the Vallue of the Land, and with respect to Fenceing part of a Road from Saml. Shimball by the Widow Peabodys to William Porters Barn, Regard being had to the Condition of the Vote by which the said Road was accepted
Voted that Capt. John Robinson Mr. Ivory Hovey and Mr. Lemu. Wood be a Committee for the above Purpose
Voted to allow Pelatiah Lakemans Bill of Charge of £ 30:18 being Money paid as Expences in hireing Soldiers in the Month June and July 1780. —
Voted to allow Capt. William Perley Bill of Charge for a Journey to Methuen to hire Soldiers Time and Expences £ 15:

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

The Road which was accepted at the foregoing Meeting the 16 of May is planed as follows Viz. On Daniel Peabody's Land 17 Rods and 4/10 of a Rod — on William Porters Land 21 Rods & 2/10 of a Rod and on Lieut. Peabodys and said Porters Land 66 Rods & 8/10 of a Rod, then on said Porters Land 22 Rods and 8/10 of a Rod to the Road by said Porters Barn

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford May 16: 1780. Majr. Perley Representative

Majr. Asa Perley chosen Moderator

— Voted to choose a Committee to take under Consideration the form of Government sent out for the approbation of of the People and to report such Remarks and amendments as to them may appear proper. ——

Voted that Capt. Jonathan Foster Capt. Isaac Adams Capt. John Robinson Dr. William Hale and Thomas Perley Junr. be a Committee for the above Purpose. ——

Then the Meeting was adjourned to the 30th Day of May Instant two O Clock afternoon. ——

May 30th the Town met according to Adjournment the Moderator being absent Capt. Jonathan Foster was chosen in his Room — — —

The Committee appointed to concider of the Constitution made their Report as follows. —

Boxford May 30: 1780

The Committee appointed to Inspect the Constitution beg leave to inform the Town that as far as we are able according to the Time We have had have endeavoured to Investigate the Constitution and point out the Errors and Shall lay before the Town our Objections and Remarks thereon

1st Objection as to the third Article in the Declaration of Rights is rather Obscure and ambiguous we therefore want some further explanation on said Article before we can accept it.

2d Objection We object against the free Men of any Town or Plantation being excluded from giveing their Votes for the choice of a Representative, while theay are subjected to pay their Proportion of State Taxes

3d The House of Representatives being intended as the Representative of the People we object against any Free Inhabitant 21 Years of Age being excluded from giveing his Vote in the choice of a Representative

4th We object that the Quorum of the House of Representatives is too small where the House consists of three or four hundred Members and where they are invested with Power to Levie Duties and Excises on all Wares Merchandize and Commodityes whatsoever —

5th We object the Govenour simply acknowledgeing himself of the Christian Religion is not sufficent that he ought to declare himself a Protestant —

6th We object against the Legislature being invested with Power to alter the Qualifications of any Officeir in the State whatever untill this Constitution shall be Revised

7th Objection fifteen Years we think too long for this Constitution to stand we think eight Years is long enough for the Constitution to stand

1st Remark or addition that Settled Ministers of the Gospel shall not have a Right to a Seat in the Council Senate or House of Representatives

2d Remark that the House of Representatives shall at least once a month lay before their Constituents the several Votes that may be determined by Yeas and Naies in said House that the People may be able to Judge who is Friends to their Country and who is not — —

3 Remark that the Towns may have Authorety to recall their Representatives at any time when they shall act any thing Inamical to the Liberties of this Common Wealth and to choose others to succeed them —

4th Remark that the House of Representatives be subjected to a Trial by Jury for any faillure of their Promises to the People of this Common Wealth —

By order of ye Committee Jonathan Foster

After some debate upon the Constitution and Committees Report, the Town proceed to act on other parts of the Warrant

It was put to vote to see if the Town will hold the Constables indemnefied with Regard to Counterfit Money and it passed in the negative

Vote

Voted to abate Thomas Dwinnels Rates Ebenezer Dodges Rates James Holdens Rates Andrew Peabodys head Rate and Israel Woods Rates all in Constable William Ellis's List of Rates –

Voted to choose a Committee to hire Soldiers the present Year if any are wanted

Voted that Capt. Jacob Gould Capt. John Robinson and Lieut. John Dorman be a Committee for the above purpose

Then the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 5th Day of June next two O Clock in the afternoon

Monday 5th of June 1780 the Town met according to adjournment proceeded to Act upon the Constitution the numbers Voting for and against each Article being taken by Years and Nays are as Follow,

Part the first.

Art.	Years	Nays
1	16	
2	13	
3	3	11
4	22	
5	14	
6	18	
7	22	
8	19	
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27	21	
28	22	
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Years 19 Nays –

Chapter I
Section I

Article	Years	Nays
1	14	
2	15	
3	17	
4	2	14

Chapter I.
Section II.

Art.	Years	Nays
1	7	1
2	4	3
3	5	
4	7	
5	5	
6	8	
7	10	
8	9	
9	4	

Chapter I.
Section III.

Art.	Years	Nays
1	9	
2	–	11
3	12	
4	4	7
5	11	
6	5	
7	9	
8	2	1
9	–	18
10	7	
11	11	

Chapter II.
Section I.

Art.	Years	Nays
1	11	
2	–	15
3	11	
4	6	
5	11	
6	8	
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9	5	
10	12	
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12	7	
13	4	

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February 2007

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1741-1793
BOXFORD, MA

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